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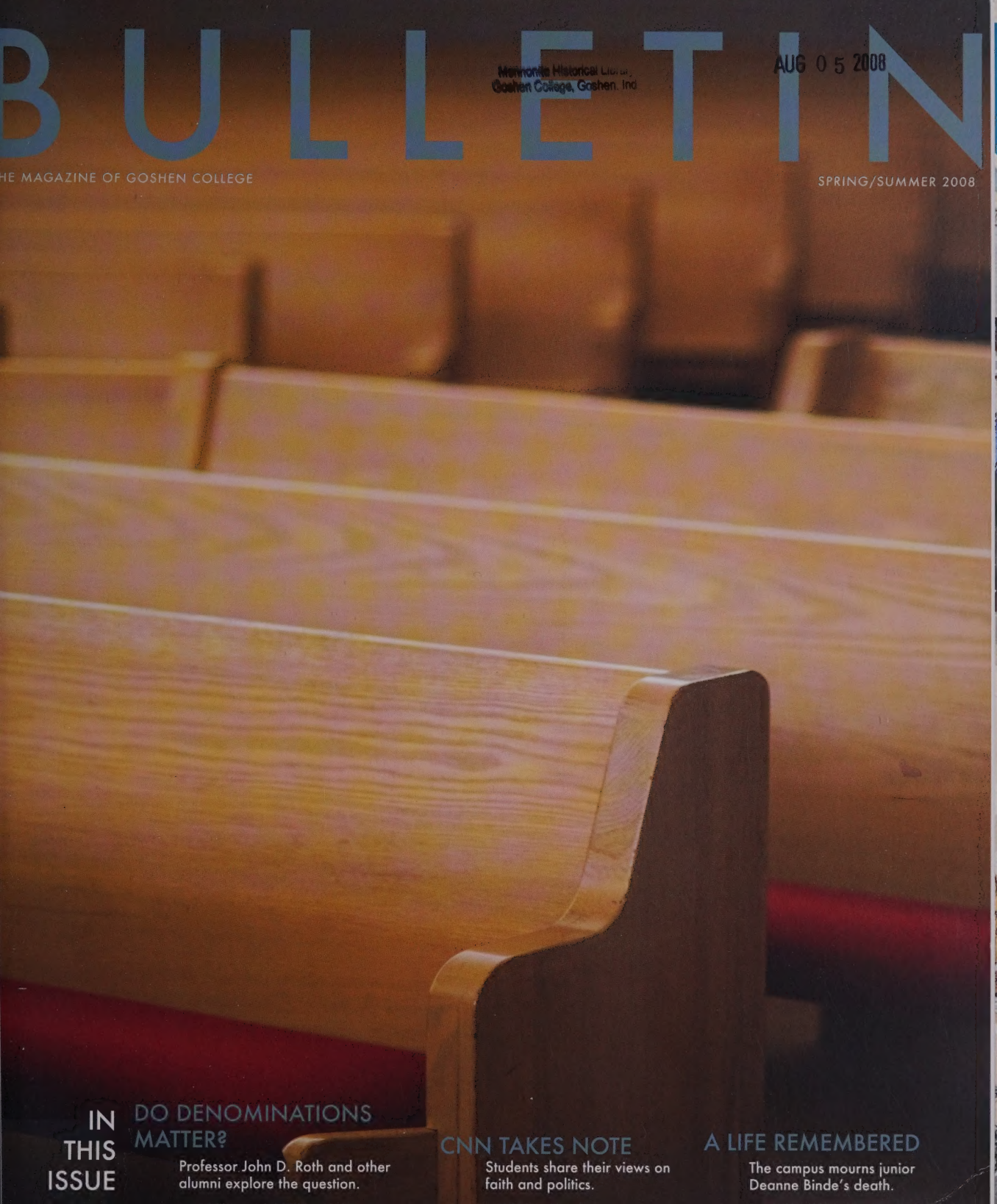

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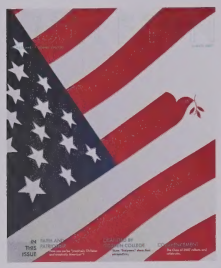
The digital illustration (or illusion) of the U.S. flag and a peace dove on the cover of the *GC Bulletin,* Summer 2007, suggests a dove with a plucked olive leaf in its beak. Wrong bird! At such a time as this, the bird on the cover has to be a blood-soaked, nest-building casualty that got in harm's way.



As for the essay about Mennonites' "Faithfulness and Patriotism" – the essay tone seemed to be super-ready to embrace all the differing points of view and bent on conflict avoidance, confirming the label: "the quiet in the land."

Hey folks! There's a real war going on, and yes, it "begs" to be debated on the level of some clear-cut issues, such as the following.

The war in Iraq is a "poverty war" that pulls in our low-income people while our young college students enjoy "the halls of ivy."

I. Our young men and women are in harm's way on the battlefields of Iraq.

a. Our young men and women are stressed about suicide bombers and roadside bombs.

b. Our young men and women must endure the 100-plus degree weather and ferocious sandstorms.

c. Many of our young men and women have had their eyes blown out and their limbs blown off.

II. Our college students are safe and secure on college campuses.

a. Our college students can take classes and exams and graduate in safe settings.

b. Our college students have access to many air-conditioned places, and can enjoy tranquil sandy beaches.

c. Many of our college students can take for granted their good health and their whole bodies.

Pause a moment and ponder the 10-plus permanent U.S. military bases in Iraq and the multi-million dollar Taj Mahal-like American Embassy there too. Expect a draft eventually in our war-torn present and future. Perhaps at that time, "the quiet in the land" will find a bolder pro-peace stance.

Dorothy Word
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Send your letters of response to the *Bulletin* to gcbulletin@goshen.edu or to Goshen College *Bulletin,* 1700 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526.

SUMMER FUN WITH PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERNS

The Public Relations Office enjoyed coordinating the visit by CNN to campus this spring … so much that our eight ambitious and full-time student assistants wanted to recreate the scene. When they weren't playing make-believe, they were getting a lot of work done, from editing promotional videos to writing news releases and feature stories, from planning the college's booth at the Elkhart County Fair to designing ads and calendars, and from redesigning Web pages to creating a GC video game complete with squirrels, nuts and train. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication!

Bottom, left to right: junior Dusty Diller (Colorado Springs, Colo.), video production; sophomore Tim Blaum (Goshen), Web design; 2008 graduate Sarah Zwier (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic), graphic design; and 2008 graduate Celesta Torok (South Bend, Ind.), graphic design. Top, left to right: senior Luke Nofsinger (Marcellus, Mich.), special projects and writing; sophomore Michael Neumann (Metamora, Ill.), Web design; junior Tyler Falk (Champaign, Ill.), writing; and sophomore Taylor Stansberry (Greentown, Ind.), video production. (In foreground, Director of Public Relations Richard R. Aguirre)

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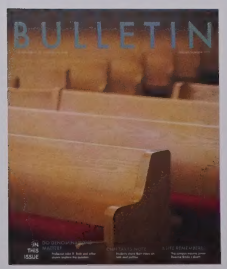

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Many churches today have more empty pews than they would like on Sunday morning. But an empty pew can symbolize those who aren't attending or those who are yet to come. It is all a matter of perspective.

In "Do denominations matter?" (p. 14), Professor of History John D. Roth gives his perspective on denominational trends and their significance. And in the rest of this issue you will read about many other ways students and faculty are engaging and sharing their faith on campus and beyond.

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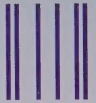

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The greatest single value of a liberal arts education is to have something to think about the rest of one's days.

–President Emeritus J. Lawrence Burkholder

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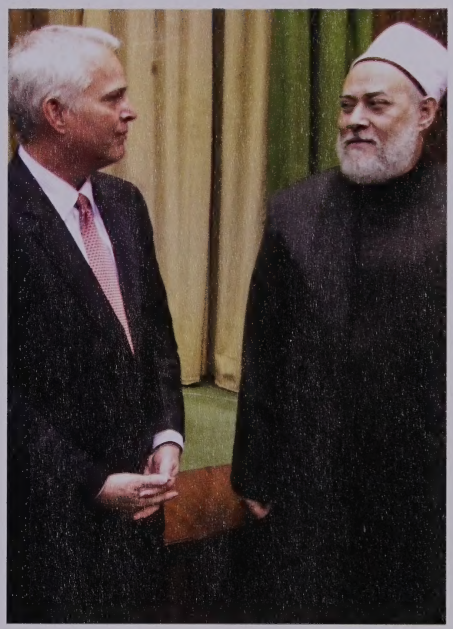
Bridging gaps between nations and faiths

I WONDER sometimes if this world is destined to "go out in a blaze of glory," as rocker Bon Jovi sings? I wonder, does the expression "nature, red in tooth and claw" describe or prescribe life's struggle for survival of the fittest? I wonder, does the question posed by Samuel P. Huntington in the title of his essay, "Clash of Civilizations?," about the 1,300-year-old fault line between Christianity and Islam, assume such a clash to be inevitable or preventable?

A recent trip to Egypt and the United Arab Emirates by a delegation of Goshen College supporters and board members, hosted by prominent Egyptian Muslim businessman Moustapha Sarhank helped to put in proper perspective some myths about the predictability and necessity of violent clashes between people of differing faith traditions. Mr. Sarhank opened doors of conversation for us, from Sheik Ali Gomaa, the grand mufti of Egypt, to other significant Christian and Muslim business, political, educational and religious leaders. Common stereotypes about Muslims being extremists or the inevitability of war between people of faith were diminished by our pilgrimage. Our Dubai guide, a young Muslim man, expressed his deep fear of being killed if he came to America. His stereotypes of war-mongering Christian Americans were lessened by our visit. To hear the grand mufti of Egypt offer a subtle interpretation of how the violence expressed in the Koran is historically contextualized and undermined by other peace-oriented statements of the prophet Mohammed in the Koran, reminded us of how we also believe that Jesus' statements about "loving our enemies" puts in context and undermines some very violent passages in our Scriptures, as well.



President Brenneman and Sheik Ali Gomaa, the Grand Mufti of Egypt.

We were humbled by the piety of Mr. Sarhank, his gracious assistant Hanan Lofti, and our Egyptian guide, Egyptologist Heba Seoudi. Five times a day they stopped to offer prayers to God, prayers of thanksgiving and petitions of forgiveness. To see Mr. Sarhank, a very busy businessman, pray so regularly and to be invited to participate in those moments of prayer was a transforming experience. At the conclusion of one prayer time, we sang the prayer hymn, "Great God the Giver of All Good," in four-part harmony, as the muezzin's call to prayer echoed behind us. It was a holy moment of deepest connection with our hosts. Previously, in responding to a question of mine about his prayer life, Moustapha asked back rhetorically, "How can I not stop a mere five times a day to recognize the one God who created the world and my life, who gives me forgiveness and blesses me so much? To do less is unthinkable." For all of us who too regularly take our Christian faith, our lives, our blessings for granted, such a response of profound faith is humbling, indeed.

I deeply believe that one of the great callings of Goshen College, a calling not often undertaken by many Christian colleges and universities, is to educate our students and others that when all is said and done about those religious and cultural differences we may have, about our doctrinal incompatibilities, our justified hatreds, that still, we believe that Jesus probably meant it when he said, "Love your enemies." Radical, simple, and, impossible, without God's help. Yet, as a Christ-centered college, whose core values include compassionate peacemaking, servant leadership, global citizenship and passionate learning, we promise no less an education than that.

Leadership by the college and alumni helps prove, by example, that it is possible to bridge gaps between nations and denominations, that reconciles clashes between civilizations and cultures half as old as time, that promotes a way of living that is consensual, cooperative, communitarian and cross-cultural. In so living, we are helping to fulfill a different prophecy of mutual co-existence and helping to create a flourishing future for all. Survival of the fittest will remain a truism, but now, 'the fittest' will have become those who labor for a world at peace in which real or imagined enemies have become friends.

Jim Brenneman

Dr. James E. Brenneman
President of Goshen College

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Chapels are a time once a week on campus when students, faculty and staff gather to worship, whether through singing hymns or praise music, listening to a sermon or a testimony, praying silently or corporately. During the 2007-08 academic year, Campus Ministries focused on the theme of "In Stillness ... God," and at the beginning of each chapel a dancing flame oil lamp – specially made by artist June Keener Wink – was lit, increasing the awareness of God's presence in the midst. May the flame flicker furiously!

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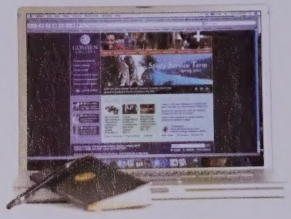

The Mennonite Game and other lessons from GC

FOR 26 YEARS, I've been married to an Elkhart County-born Mennonite who graduated from Goshen College. So I had some knowledge of Mennonites and GC before coming to work here even though I was born in Texas, raised Catholic, grew up in California, graduated from a state university and never worked around Mennonites. Still, my real education – and immersion in such things as the Mennonite Game – began only after I started working at GC.

As an outsider turned insider, I greatly appreciate Mennonites and Goshen College. While cultural situations and campus realities have complicated my adaptation, many people are addressing those issues and making Goshen College more welcoming and hospitable. In that spirit, I offer these observations.

GC people are so kind. From my first day, through an injury, hospitalization and recovery, to the present, students, faculty, staff and retired faculty have been kind and generous. That's been an adjustment because as a journalist, I was trained to maintain a healthy skepticism about people, to not join groups – and to keep my distance from news sources.

"As an outsider turned insider, I appreciate Mennonites and Goshen College more than ever."

The Mennonite Game is problematic. I appreciate that Mennonites love to talk about family relationships and personal connections. But the "Mennonite Game" can be off-putting to a non-Mennonite with a name like Aguirre. I've often felt that my worth depended on my relationships with Mennonites, instead of who I am or what I can contribute.

Everyone isn't related; it just seems that way. I embarrassed myself many times before I learned that my listener often was related to the person I was speaking about. So before sticking my foot in my mouth, I now ask, "Do you know?" or "Are you related to?" the person in question. And since my wife, Judy Weaver, works here, too, I'm now part of this intriguing reality.

Catholics didn't corner the market on guilt. I love many things about the Catholic faith, but not the regular doses of guilt. Mennonites seem to share this affliction, so I need to offer more grace in this regard.

Mennos have a rich alphabet soup. I've learned about AMBS, MC USA, SST, MMN, MCC; EMU, MEDA; MMA, MVS and OTM, which means "Other Than Mennonite." Now that I know what these mean, I view myself as a translator to those new to this culture.

Like any place with a long history, you need to know the verbal shortcuts. People talk about the Church-Chapel, Kratz, the 'Fraker, RFC and Wyse when referring to places. They say "convo" and "first-year," instead of convocation and freshmen. Professors often are called by their first names. And some married faculty members have longer last names than I'm used to (with multiple names and hyphens included).

The alma mater is great and people actually sing it! Some school songs are rarely sung and lame. So it's a delight to hear a frequently sung alma mater that evokes a sense of nostalgia for proud alumni. The four-part harmony is awesome. And when I sing it, I feel connected to a wonderful legacy.

Applying what I've learned. With what I've learned over the past year and a half, I can play the Mennonite Game and use "Menno speak." But those aren't my goals. I believe I can be most effective by helping the world better understand Mennonites and Goshen College and by warmly welcoming all others to this "… spot in Indiana where the leafy maple grows …"

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FIND MENNO

Are we making this game too easy? Maybe. We heard from 48 of you who found Menno hidden in the Autumn/Winter 2007 issue on page 22, perched in the window observing the preparations for the Amish church service. We think Menno also knew a thing or two about forgiveness and grace.

Scour the pages and find where Menno is hiding this time (he looks just like the graphic at the left, just smaller). When you find him, submit your entry to gcbulletin@goshen.edu by Sept. 12, 2008. Be sure to include your name, hometown and graduation year/affiliation with Goshen College. We hope to hear from you that you found Menno while enjoying this issue!

From the correct submissions, we chose at random five lucky winners to receive limited-edition *Bulletin* T-shirts:

Daniel Beachy, Goshen
Beth Cender '80, Copper Center, Alaska
Lynne Sancken, parent, Tolono, Ill.
Carol Shank Wolfer '69, Middlebury, Ind.
Gloria Zook Zradicka '68, Littleton, Colo.

As seen on CNN … and read in the *Chicago Tribune*

JOSH GLEASON

On May 6, the world's eyes turned to Indiana for the results to the state's presidential primary. It was also the day that Goshen College students were known around the world on CNN and in the *Chicago Tribune* speaking about their faith and how it informs their political perspectives.

Both media outlets sought the views of Mennonite college students, and CNN specifically wanted to speak with first-time voters for its series called "League of First Time Voters."

CNN anchor Rick Sanchez came to campus on April 15 and hosted a roundtable discussion with seven Goshen College students: (above front) Jennifer Speight, a first-year English major from Cleveland, Ohio; Elizabeth Beachy, a junior English secondary education major from Wellman, Iowa; Rebecca Fast, a senior social work major who lives in Canada, but is a dual citizen; (back row, left to right) Peter Koontz, a senior history major from Goshen; Sheldon Good, a junior communication and business double major from Telford, Pa.; Adriel Santiago, a first-year collegiate studies major from Souderton, Pa.; and Kenda Joy Sprunger, a first-year molecular biology/biochemistry major from Goshen. The segment then aired May 6 and May 11.

Sanchez asked the students questions about foreign policy, immigration, Iraq, race, pacifism, youth engagement in politics this year, patriotism, social issues and the presidential candidates.

Also on May 6, the *Chicago Tribune* published a story about faith and politics at Goshen College featuring Beachy and Koontz, along with Jeff Hochstetler, a senior business and history double major from Orrville, Ohio, James Weber, a senior communication major from Reading, Pa., and Emily Miller, a sophomore social work major from Waco, Texas. Also interviewed were Professor of Bible, Religion and Philosophy Keith Graber Miller, President Jim Brenneman and Everett Thomas '72, a member of the Goshen City Council and editor of *The Mennonite*.

To view the CNN segment and read the Chicago Tribune *article, visit: www.goshen.edu/election2008.*

JODI H. BEYELER

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IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME
In January, the second phase of a major apartment building and the six-year initiative to improve housing to accommodate a growing number of students living on campus came to an end. The construction added 93 single rooms – in 25 apartments – to an existing four-story apartment building as well as a new main entrance from the east parking lot, an elevator providing ADA-accessibility to all units and a two-story townhouse-style unit for the apartment manager. In addition to their amenities, the apartments were designed and built to lessen their impact on the environment. The first phase was completed in 2004.

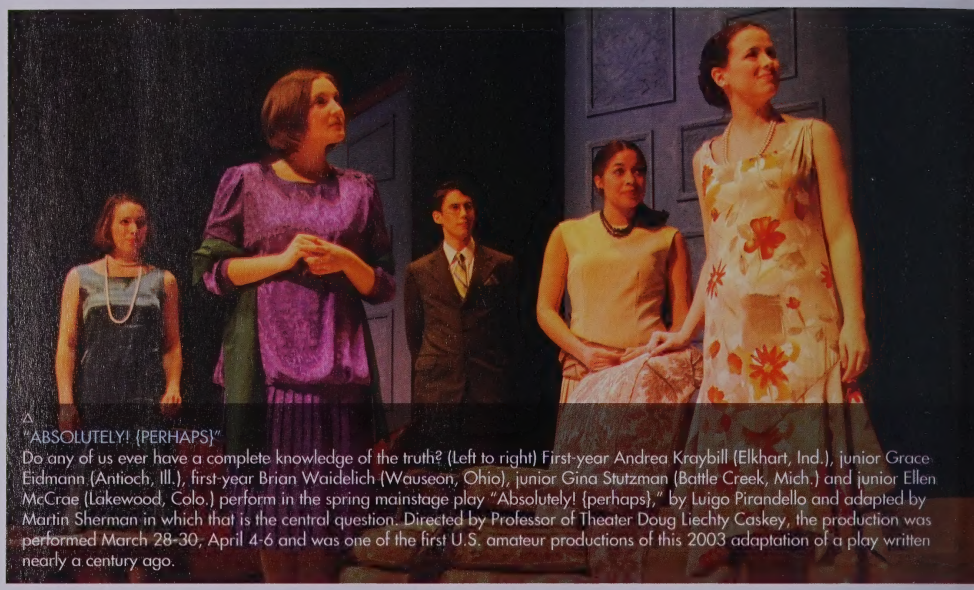
Three new majors added

Starting in the fall of 2008, the college will offer three new majors: broadcasting, journalism and public relations in the Communication Department. As part of the new curriculum, new minors also will be available in these areas of study.

Previously, the department offered a major in communication, three minors and seven concentrations. "The new majors and minors provide more opportunity for specific career preparation within the communications field and the fourth possibility of a communication major with generalist, film studies or multimedia concentrations continues to provide a broad base for students who wish to study several areas of communication," said Associate Professor of Communication Pat McFarlane.

The broadcast major also has full use of new high-definition video production systems for television broadcast quality production.

Junior communication major Dusty Diller prepares a camera.



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"ABSOLUTELY! {PERHAPS}"
Do any of us ever have a complete knowledge of the truth? (Left to right) First-year Andrea Kraybill (Elkhart, Ind.), junior Grace Eidmann (Antioch, Ill.), first-year Brian Waidelich (Wauseon, Ohio), junior Gina Stutzman (Battle Creek, Mich.) and junior Ellen McCrae (Lakewood, Colo.) perform in the spring mainstage play "Absolutely! {perhaps}," by Luigo Pirandello and adapted by Martin Sherman in which that is the central question. Directed by Professor of Theater Doug Liechty Caskey, the production was performed March 28-30, April 4-6 and was one of the first U.S. amateur productions of this 2003 adaptation of a play written nearly a century ago.

Students spring into customized shoe and apparel business

EMILY DOUGHERTY

Tyler Springer and Mark Springer

A shift in trends led two senior business majors toward a custom shoe and apparel design business that culminated in the conception of Springer Design, Inc. Mark Springer (right) and Tyler Springer (left) were awarded an entrepreneurship grant of $5,000 from the Business Department's Entrepreneurship Learning Center to help get their customizing shoe business kicking as a result of their innovative idea.

Although unrelated, the two took their same last name as a sign to combine their talents and produce a screen-printing, embroidery and logo development company and begin specializing in custom, intricately designed shoes.

Their plan was hatched after the classmates had a lunchtime epiphany and discovered their similar aspirations and complementary interests. Mark, from Stanford, Ill., had hoped to start his own design business but wasn't as comfortable with the management and sales responsibilities. Tyler, a native of Carlisle, Pa., on the other hand, had plans to start his own screen-printing and embroidery business, but the artwork associated with it was a deterrent. According to Tyler, by the end of their meal it was clear they ought to combine their talents and start a company.

"The core values of Springer Design are professionalism, innovation, growth and social responsibility. We hold tight to these values and want to emulate them through our company," said Tyler.

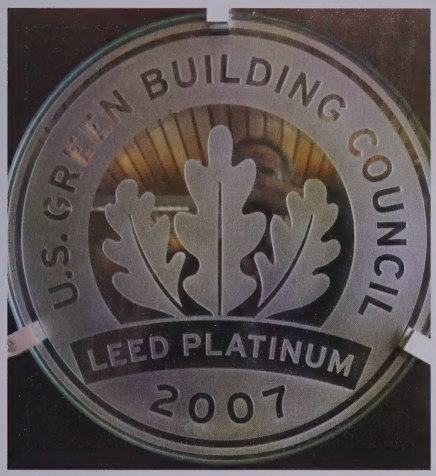
While Mark and Tyler thought people might find the idea of individualized footwear strange at first, during their research they discovered a shifting shoe market heading in the direction of distinctiveness.

"Next time you walk into a shoe store, start looking around and you'll see a few shoes with some intricate designs on them. While others have templates that you can put on your shoes, we allow our customers to come up with their own design or we can come up with one for them," said Tyler.

So far, seven students have received Entrepreneurship Grants.

–By Emily Dougherty '09

First in Indiana: Rieth Village awarded prestigious Platinum LEED rating



"You have set the bar high for the rest of the state of Indiana," remarked Mac Williams, chair of the Indiana Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) as he unveiled a glass plaque announcing Indiana's first platinum-rated LEED building on Monday, Feb. 11.

The plaque will adorn a wall at Rieth Village, an ecological field station for undergraduate environmental study at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College, south of Wolf Lake, Ind. The Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating is the U.S. Green Building Council's highest honor for environmentally sustainable building design. Rieth Village was the 42nd building in the country to earn this distinction for new construction; it is the only platinum-certified project in Indiana, Michigan or Ohio.

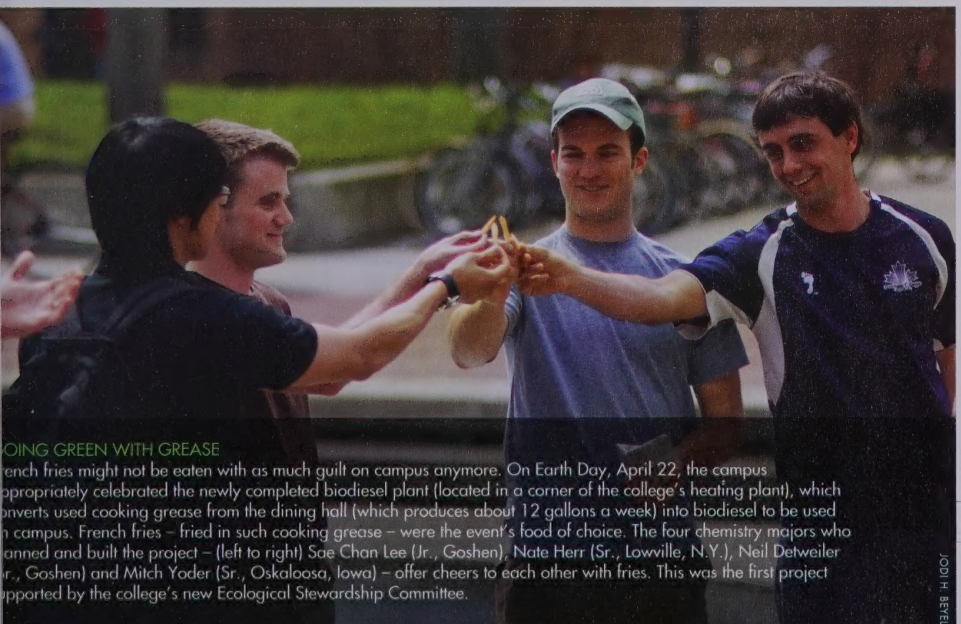
"Any way you look at it, Rieth Village is extraordinary," said President Jim Brenneman. "I believe that Rieth Village will continue to have a lasting influence on Goshen College's commitment to creation care and sustainability. And it will inspire many others on and off campus."

Buildings registered with the USGBC's LEED rating system earn points in the categories of energy, water, site, materials and indoor air quality. A platinum rating requires 52 points; Rieth Village received 55 points for distinctive features such as passive solar design, cisterns for recycling rainwater, tulip poplar siding harvested locally, solar panels and a wind generator.

President Brenneman called Rieth Village "the most tangible evidence yet that Merry Lea has become a thought leader in environmental practice, sustainability and environmental education." For Brenneman, pursuing platinum certification at Merry Lea is a way for Goshen College to go public about its identity as an institution that sees care for creation as one of the central concerns of Christianity.

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder, R-Fort Wayne, also attended the ceremony and offered his support for the project. "It is really important to lead by example, and Merry Lea has done that," Souder said. Souder hopes to see more green design in his district in coming years.

– By Jennifer Schrock and Richard R. Aguirre



OING GREEN WITH GREASE
ench fries might not be eaten with as much guilt on campus anymore. On Earth Day, April 22, the campus ppropriately celebrated the newly completed biodiesel plant (located in a corner of the college's heating plant), which nverts used cooking grease from the dining hall (which produces about 12 gallons a week) into biodiesel to be used campus. French fries – fried in such cooking grease – were the event's food of choice. The four chemistry majors who anned and built the project – (left to right) Sae Chan Lee (Jr., Goshen), Nate Herr (Sr., Lowville, N.Y.), Neil Detweiler r., Goshen) and Mitch Yoder (Sr., Oskaloosa, Iowa) – offer cheers to each other with fries. This was the first project pported by the college's new Ecological Stewardship Committee.

JODI H. BEYELER

McLaren tour makes its last stop

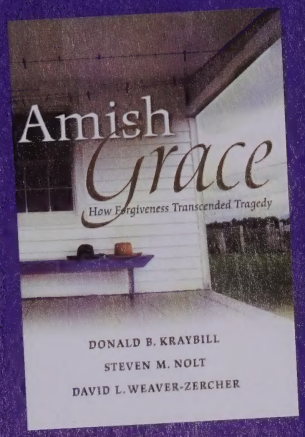
Best-selling Christian author and speaker Brian McLaren (above) came to the college May 9-10 on the 11th and final stop of the "Everything Must Change" conference tour.

With a crowd of nearly 500 people representing a wide range of denominations from the local area and from around the country, McLaren and his team led an interactive and worship-filled weekend with music, multi-media, art, prayer, conversations and reflections.

In his recent book of the same title and with the conference, McLaren sought to address what he calls "two questions that have shaped my life: What are our world's top global crises? What does the message of Jesus say to those crises?"

McLaren identified those interrelated crises as relating to the planet, poverty and peace-making, and that at their center is the fourth crisis of purpose or spirituality, which, he asserts, is a failure of world religions to provide a message capable of motivating people to address the first three crises. He believes that needed message is present in the original message of Jesus, but is too often marginalized even among the most orthodox of Christians.

'Amish Grace' on *Christianity Today's* book list



When Christianity Today announced its 2008 Book Awards, "Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy" (Jossey-Bass, 2007) received an award of merit in the "Christianity and culture" category.

Goshen College Professor of History Steve Nolt, a leading expert on the Amish, is one of the co-authors of the book. In response to the 2006 Amish school tragedy in Nickel Mines, Pa., the book explores the history, theology and culture of the Amish, connecting forgiveness to their entire way of life.

There were 359 books nominated for the Book Awards; 10 winners and 11 awards of merit were recognized.

Professors of nursing and biology retire after 67 years

Professor of Nursing Evelyn Driver

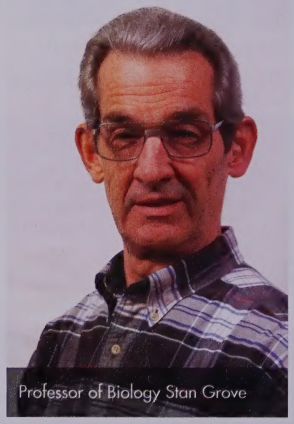
Professor of Nursing Evelyn Driver retired after 34 years of teaching at Goshen College. Driver joined the Goshen faculty in 1974.

The issues of autonomy and independence in the care of older adults were of particular interest to Driver, and her doctoral studies addressed aging, psycho-social nursing and nursing history. She has published in the areas of aging, coronary care and the history of nursing during the U.S. Civil War as well as during the World War II effort to draft nurses. During her teaching, she periodically worked in hospitals to enhance and strengthen the clinical setting and context in which her students would practice.

Driver graduated from Eastern Mennonite College (now University) in 1967, received a master of science degree from the University of Maryland in 1974 and a doctorate in nursing from the University of Virginia in 1997.

Beyond her service to Goshen College, Driver has been active in professional organizations including the American Nurses Association/ Indiana State Nurses Association, Midwest Nursing Research Association, Sigma Theta Tau International, the Council of Gerontological Nursing, the National Council on Aging and Mennonite Nurses Association. She serves on the nursing research committee at Goshen General Hospital.

In her retirement in Virginia, Driver plans to continue being active in the nursing profession and research.

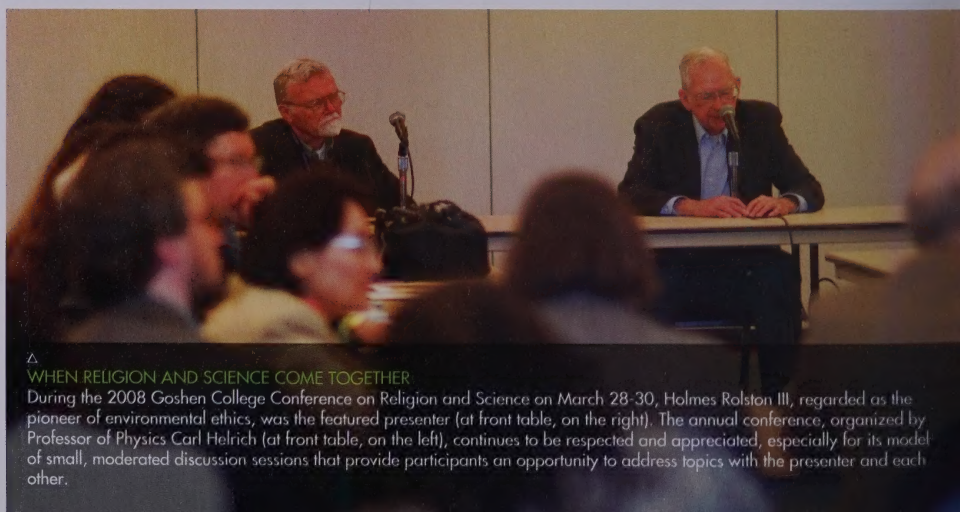

Professor of Biology Stan Grove

Professor of Biology Stan Grove retired after 33 years teaching at Goshen College. His passion for undergraduate research has meant that he has supervised more than 70 undergraduates during his years at the college. Remarkably, nearly 30 of these alumni have attained or are working toward a Ph.D., and another 30 alumni have attained or are working toward a M.D.

Grove was an early adapter of technology, offering online course materials even in the early 1990s. Since 1992, he has also organized annual Science Olympiad events at the college for area high school and middle school students and their teachers.

Grove graduated from Goshen College in 1965 and received a doctorate from Purdue University in 1971. As a researcher, he received more than a half-million dollars in grants. He is a member of a number of professional organizations in biology.

He anticipates continuing to be active in the field of biology during his retirement.



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WHEN RELIGION AND SCIENCE COME TOGETHER
During the 2008 Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science on March 28-30, Holmes Rolston III, regarded as the pioneer of environmental ethics, was the featured presenter (at front table, on the right). The annual conference, organized by Professor of Physics Carl Helrich (at front table, on the left), continues to be respected and appreciated, especially for its model of small, moderated discussion sessions that provide participants an opportunity to address topics with the presenter and each other.

NCORE! ENCORE!
he annual Concerto-Aria Competition Concert on Feb. 9 featured four outstanding music student soloists (above) – junior Mio Kurahashi, a music major from Hiroshima, Japan, on piano; junior Anna Showalter, a music and history double major from Waynesboro, Pa., on piano; sophomore Rachel Yoder, a nursing major from Goshen, on violin; and senior Peter Miller, an English and music double major from Evanston, Ill., on cello – accompanied by the Goshen College Orchestra.

DUSTIN COMBS

RAYING FOR WAR NO MORE
rst year Audrey Engle (Salem, Ore.) and other students lently hold candles during an interfaith vigil on March 19, the fth anniversary of the Iraq War. They and 150 campus and ommunity members lamented all deaths that have resulted from e war and prayed for peace.

JODI H. BEYELER

Merry Lea at forefront of 'creation care' discussion

Christians have not only a responsibility to care about how the world was created but also to give importance to "creation care" and ecological responsibility.

Eleven top evangelical Christian scholars concerned with these issues, from seven states and Canada and with specialties in theology, environmental science and ethics, gathered for a two-day roundtable discussion Nov. 28-29 at the Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College.

Topics included understanding God's relational role with all created things and how that informs the stewardship of creation, how the definition of stewardship affects responses to climate change and why it is important for Christian churches to take leadership in dealing with environmental issues.

The stage was set for the roundtable in May when Dr. Paul Corts, president of the Council of Christian Colleges & Universities, visited Merry Lea. He discussed with Luke Gascho, Merry Lea's executive director, the need for a scholarly work to develop the theological underpinnings of Christians' responsibility for creation care and ecological responsibility.

Corts shared the idea of starting the project by gathering 12-15 scholars to identify the topics and the writers needed, and Gascho offered Rieth Village, Merry Lea's 1-year-old, $2 million educational facility, as a good place to hold the roundtable.

– By Dave Knopp

Winner of 2008 peace speech contest focuses on ending child labor

Senior Nicole Boyd

The community and college convened on Feb. 5 to hear speeches by five Goshen College students on subjects concerning principles of peace in the 2008 C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest.

Senior art major Nicole Boyd (Goshen, Ind.) won first place in the contest for her speech, "The loss of a childhood: A call to action on pursuing the end of child labor." In her research, Boyd made links between different industries and their involvement and perpetuation of child labor.

First-year Jacob Kraybill, (Lancaster, Pa.) won second place for his speech, "Unpacking the issues: Gay marriage in America." Other participants were sophomore Piper Voge (Southport, Ind.), senior Tim Showalter (Harrisonburg, Va.), and first-year Ciara Reyes (Goshen, Ind.).

New vice president for enrollment management appointed

Executive Director of Enrollment Lynn Jackson was promoted to the new position of vice president for enrollment management on March 17. She retains the duties as the college's executive director of enrollment, which she has held since July 1, 2006.

Jackson earned her undergraduate degree from Kansas State University in 1980, a master's of education and counseling/school psychology from Wichita State University in 1986 and is a doctoral candidate in student affairs in higher education at Kansas State University. She has held admission leadership positions at Maryville University of Saint Louis, Hesston (Kan.) College, University of Charleston (W.Va.), Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan., and Friends University in Wichita, Kan.

"Lynn's appointment will give enrollment management a more direct voice on the President's Council and a stronger role in developing a comprehensive enrollment strategy for Goshen College," said President Jim Brenneman.

Tanzania welcomes first SST group

△ The first Study-Service Term unit in Tanzania.

PETER SHETLER

When the 20 students arrived in Tanzania on Jan. 9, it became the 22nd host country for the college's unique Study-Service Term.

Goshen College had sent students to Ethiopia, another East African country, since 2002, but "the unrest in the Horn of Africa was sufficient enough that it was probably not prudent to send an SST unit there for security reasons," said Director of International Education Tom Meyers. "We had an excellent program in Ethiopia though, and we were one of the first semester-long college study abroad programs to go there. This is an opportunity for us to get to another part of Africa." The college also sends students to West Africa.

The group returned on April 11. Jan Bender Shetler and her husband, Peter, led the unit to Tanzania. Jan is a professor of history at Goshen College and the two led an SST unit to Ethiopia in 2005.

During the first six weeks, students attended lectures at the University of Dar es Salaam and studied Tanzanian culture and the language of Swahili at the Swahili and Culture Institute in Dar es Salaam. Students traveled to the northwest regions of Tanzania for the service half of the semester.

△ REMEMBERING KING
Guests at the 15th annual all-school Martin Luther King Jr. Study Day on Jan. 21 enjoyed a performance by the college's Voices-n-Harmony Gospel Choir during the day's convocation. The study day commemorating King's life also featured performances by the Chicago-based group AfriCaribe and a speech about the future of multiculturalism by Dwight Hopkins, professor of theology at the University of Chicago, Divinity School.

Maple Leafs SCOREBOARD

MEN'S BASKETBALL

19-12 (overall), 7-9 (MCC)

Errick McCollum (So., Canton, Ohio) named First Team All MCC and NAIA All-American Honorable Mention; Brice Hartman (Sr., Elkhart, Ind.) selected as Third Team All MCC.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11-19 (overall), 5-11 (MCC)

Lost in first round of the MCC Tournament to Bethel College. Cassie Greives (Fr., Rochester, Ind.) named to MCC All Newcomer Team.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Tina Peters (So., Yellow Springs, Ohio), Deanna Kronk (Jr., Elkhart, Ind.), and Abri Houser (Jr., Newton, Kan.) were individual qualifiers for the NAIA Indoor National Championships. Peters defended her 2007 indoor national title. Kronk earned All-American honors with a fifth-place finish in the weight throw.

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Katie Sowers (Sr., Hesston, Kan.), Peni Acayo (Fr., Kampala, Uganda) and Houser won individual titles at the MCC Championships. Eight Maple Leafs – five women and three men – qualified for the NAIA Outdoor National Championships. Tina Peters finished third to earn All American honors.

BASEBALL

13-40 (overall), 3-24 (MCC)

Softball was suspended this year because of a lack of players, but will resume in 2008-09 under new head coach Lee Mast.

Visit www.goleafs.net to find in-depth game reports, player stats and insider comments about the Goshen College Maple Leafs.

JOSH GLEASON

STEPPING UP TO THE CHALLENGE

TINA PETERS EXCELS IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE TRACK

Halfway through her sophomore year, Tina Peters (Yellow Springs, Ohio) already owned three NAIA National Championships in three attempts – two indoor and one outdoor.

At the end of March, Tina competed in her first 20-kilometer event – the distance for Olympic competition. She finished 14th, just minutes off qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Trials.

It all may seem like a fairy tale: a young athlete in a relatively obscure sport, from a small Ohio town, has big dreams of competing at the international level. But go back 15 years and you will learn how a very young Tina and the Peters' family were drawn to the sport they love.

Vince, Tina's father (then a track and field coach at Yellow Springs High School), used race walking to turn an ailing young athlete into an All-American. When Vince became the race walking coach at nearby Cedarville University, Tina latched onto the sport, tagging along with her dad to practices and meets.

"It's as difficult, if not more, than running," Peters said, explaining the sport's two basic rules, "One foot must be touching the ground at all times and the leg that is touching the ground must stay straight until it's directly under the walker."

Tina was part of the junior Olympic program from age 7 until she turned 18. That meant taking part in USA track and field clinics, traveling to meets and constant coaching from her father.

So how does a top race walker end up at Goshen College, which had never fielded a competitor in the event before Peters? Realizing that NCAA institutions do not field race walking, Peters wanted an opportunity to compete in college, while pursuing a strong physics program.

In Peters' junior year of high school, she was allowed to compete in a 3K event – the NAIA race distance – at Findlay (Ohio) University. At the meet was Goshen College assistant coach Doug Yoder, who was immediately impressed.

Doug and Rick Clark, head track and field coach, were enthusiastic about the idea of Peters attending Goshen.

It didn't take Peters long to make a big impact. Her first collegiate meet brought her right back to Findlay, where she easily won the 3K race again and shattered the qualifying mark for NAIA Nationals by three minutes.

"Rick and Doug have been really supportive and flexible," said Peters of her coaches' willingness to allow her to travel and compete in non-collegiate events, such as the Millrose Games in 2007 and potential Olympic qualifiers.

That support has paid off for the coaches and the GC track and field program. At the 2007 NAIA Indoor National Championships, Peters and Petrana Petkova won a pair of national titles and propelled the Maple Leafs to a then program-record 11th-place finish.

Two months later, Peters took her first outdoor title as she walked to another national championship in Fresno, Calif. This time, Peters and her teammates finished eighth, which marked the first time Goshen had ever finished in the top 10 at any national event.

"My teammates are the best motivation for me," said Peters. "It is impossible (to be successful) if you try and do it by yourself. Your teammates are there to cheer you on and help pick you up when you have a rough day."

Rough days have been few and far between for Peters.

When she defended her indoor title in March, she became the first GC athlete to hold three national titles and helped the Leafs to a third straight top-20 finish at the national event. She earned her fourth NAIA All-American honor by placing third in the 3K race at the outdoor championships in May. And she still has two more years left to shatter records.

And off the track, Peters has also been making an impact in campus life, making the Dean's List, singing in the Women's World Music Choir and helping to lead the Catholic Student Association.

– Josh Gleason, sports information director

Goshen College 110th Commencement

APRIL 27, 2008

CLASS OF 2008 PROFILE

230 graduates (158 candidates for Bachelor of Arts degrees and 72 candidates for Bachelor of Science degrees. The class included 23 graduates with double majors.)

35 programs of study represented

24 states

89 from Indiana

15 countries represented (from Bangladesh to France and Kenya to Uruguay)

55 degrees in nursing. Other top majors: organizational leadership (16), Bible and religion (14), psychology (14), social work (13) and elementary education (12)

27 students graduated with highest honors – grade point averages of 3.9 to a perfect 4.0. In addition, 88 others achieved GPAs of 3.60 and above.

BULLETIN online Visit www.goshen.edu/bulletin for more photos from Commencement 2008.

Remembering a friend and classmate

Deanne Elizabeth Binde

Sept. 4, 1986-May 22, 2008

THE LOSS

At the end of May term, the Goshen College community suffered a tragic loss: Deanne Elizabeth Binde, a junior communication and theater major, died on May 22 in an automobile crash while driving home to Lake Park, Minn.

THE REACTION

Deanne's death prompted widespread expressions of love and support. What was most extraordinary was the outpouring of love and sorrow expressed on her online Facebook page, on a separate site set up by classmates and on a memorial Web page set up by the Public Relations Office.

On May 29, 38 students, faculty and staff attended Deanne's memorial service in Minnesota. Simultaneously, the college community gathered on the Umble Center stage to pray, sing and share memories of Deanne, while Study-Service Term (SST) units in Nicaragua, Perú and Senegal also paused for prayer.

WHAT SHE MEANT TO GOSHEN COLLEGE

Deanne played the lead in the fall mainstage play "Step on a Crack" and in the spring she was in the cast of the mainstage play "Absolutely! {perhaps}." During May term, she was the technical director assistant for the musical "Quilters." Deanne also was a DJ for The Globe, played on the softball team, recycled with Eco-PAX, and was a member of the Catholic Student Association. During the spring of her sophomore year, she participated in SST in the Dominican Republic. In the community she volunteered with Meals on Wheels and La Casa, and regularly attended St. John's Catholic Church.

REMEMBERING DEANNE

A campus memorial service for Deanne is scheduled for Sept. 12. Go to www.goshen.edu/deanne-memorial/ to learn more about Deanne, to view her May term "Mother's Day" project, to read remembrances, to write a reflection or add a note of condolence for her family. Cards and letters of condolence may be sent to the Binde Family at: 16479 134th Ave., Lake Park, MN 56554.

Deanne Binde acts out a scene from "Step on a Crack," the fall mainstage play.

Amid declining membership and loyalty,

DO DENOMINATIONS MATTER?

BY JOHN D. ROTH

I'M AWARE THAT THE TITLE OF MY REFLECTIONS – "Do Denominations Matter?" – is likely to evoke a range of responses. For some, the topic may feel like a waste of time: Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian, who cares? What does it matter? You grew up Presbyterian, I'm a Catholic; you worship your way, I worship my way. In the end, we're all Christians; denominational differences shouldn't get in the way. Let's just focus on Jesus and get on with more important things.

Until, one day, you discover that denominations do matter. Perhaps your child or grandchild starts dating someone from a different religious tradition – say, a Christian Scientist who believes that sickness is a problem of the mind rather than the body, or a Seventh Day Adventist who worships on Saturday rather than Sunday or someone with very clear views about home schooling and "male headship" – and suddenly you ask yourself why do they believe these things? How is this going to affect my child? What does this mean for our family gatherings? Suddenly, you realize that denominations do matter.

OUR GROWING RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

I happen to be a Mennonite. I teach at a Mennonite college, preach regularly in Mennonite congregations, direct a research center called the Mennonite Historical Library and I publish books and articles on Mennonite history.

Yet at Goshen College we have students from at least 38 different Christian denominations and five other religions. The local Yellow Pages directory lists no less than 69 different denominational options within easy driving distance of the campus. There are 15,000 denominations registered with the IRS, and as many as 34,000 discrete groups of Christians scattered around the world.

Each group claims in some way to be the Body of Christ. All of them look at the emergence of the early church in the book of Acts and say: "Yes, that's us at our birth; we represent the outcome that Jesus was intending for the church all along." And we scratch our heads and wonder how can that be right? How can we live together with such a range of convictions about Truth?

What image comes to mind when you think about all those denominations? Are they all just branches off a single tree? Do you envision the various denominations as individual trees making up a single forest or a diverse ecosystem of Christian communities? Or perhaps my denomination is a mighty oak tree surrounded by weeds? These are questions worth thinking about.

WHAT DENOMINATIONS PROVIDE

In general, one can say that denominations have provided their members with "boundaries" and "bridges" – boundaries, in the sense of cultivating a distinctive group identity, and bridges, in the sense of helping the group organize for outreach and relationships with the broader world.

In the North American context, denominations helped congregations nurture specific forms of worship, beliefs and ethics that distinguished them from other groups. They did this by publishing confessions and catechisms and curriculum; by credentialing pastors and by creating seminaries and denominational schools to promote distinctive beliefs and to guard theological orthodoxy.

Denominations also took on an important organizational or institutional function. They oversaw programs, budgets and fundraising efforts. Denominations promised efficiency: they consolidated local mission initiatives into unified boards and agencies; they created social service and relief programs, and promoted men's and women's organizations. Denominations created logos, letterheads, flowcharts and policies; they became record-keepers – tracking membership and tabulating finances. And they preserved their records in archives so that official histories of the denomination could be written.

A third important role that denominations in North America came to play was that of preserving ethnic or cultural identity. As immigrant groups made their way to America, denominations served ethnic subcultures by helping to keep alive traditional practices and folkways – preserving memories of the old country, encouraging young people to intermarry, and giving the group a sense of divine blessing in a new and strange land. Thus, we don't generally find it odd to use ethnic or cultural adjectives to describe specific denominations – Norwegian Lutherans, Irish Catholics or Swiss Mennonites.

Bulletin editors invited several alumni from across the country who are engaged in ministry to respond to Roth's article, to think about how their own lives and faith have been impacted by persons from other denominations, and to give their current thoughts on denominations.

"When I began looking for my first pastorate, I made a list of criteria that I needed in my new church. One important criterion was a strong Mennonite identity, firmly rooted in Anabaptist theology and beliefs. … I welcome the opportunity to preach and teach unapologetically from a Mennonite perspective and to encourage discussion on what it means to be a Mennonite. Some of our best discussions at church have been based on what it means to be a Mennonite who actually lives out that identity. I find it exciting and energizing and am glad that we have a set of defined beliefs to guide our journey, but also the flexibility to determine how those beliefs affect how we live the journey.

… We are called to accountability and I believe that denominations help us be accountable to each other. I hope, however, within that accountability, we can learn to live with differences of opinions and acceptance of a variety of ways of understanding the Gospel message."

Sue L. Conrad '92
Associate Pastor, East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church
Lancaster, Pa.

"Denominations are important whether we recognize it or not, because our sense of identity is there, and when people are trying to claim some bogus denomination, generic Christianity or even non-denomination, as John points out, to me is the poorest excuse to avoid commitment and responsibility.

… On the changes of our denominational structures, I both celebrate and lament. I celebrate changes for they are needed in order to grow personally and as a community of faith, to see with the eyes of God, to reach new milestones and ultimately as a preparation to the change from the mortal into the immortal. And I lament our blindness, deafness and inability to understand the will of God on all this. I think that we want to equip buggies with jet engines … I think that many things need to change, and we need to seriously seek the wisdom of God on it."

Rafael Barahona '96
Associate Director, Mennonite Education Agency's
Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education office, Goshen

"Denominations matter as organizations that allow persons of like mind to gather in Christ's name while focusing on particular practices and prioritizing the commission from Jesus to tell the story to all peoples. But there is a down side to denominational structures and distinctions. Have you heard community members sometimes refer to other denominations as being a religion? That misunderstanding of the Christian tradition points to the divisions we have manufactured and maintained. … It is a reminder to clearly and repeatedly focus on Jesus as the one we serve.

… Do Mennonites do it best? Not always. … It's the tradition that has molded my understanding of how a church should best operate, but I have seen enough in other traditions to be quite confident of the presence of authentic Christian witness there, also."

Conrad Mast '79
Co-pastor, Scottdale (Pa.) Mennonite Church

"When my family lived in Saudi Arabia for three years (1984-87), we participated in an 'underground' church composed of a Lebanese Christian, an Orthodox Christian from Ethiopia, several Anglicans from England, a Mennonite family from Paraguay, a Catholic and Baptist families from Switzerland, New Zealand, Canada and the USA. We found common ground in foundational beliefs, broke bread together and shared fellowship on Fridays (the Muslim holy day). Although it was illegal for us to meet together for worship, we used the guise of a meal to give legitimacy to our meeting. The love and prayer support of those friends was invaluable in that environment."

Debra Neumann Hansen '74
Formerly in children's ministry at First Presbyterian Church (Boulder, Colo.) and now at Calvary Bible Church (Boulder and Erie, Colo.)

THE DECLINE OF DENOMINATIONS

Since the middle of the 20th century, however, a wide range of indicators have suggested that denominational allegiance – especially to U.S. Catholic and mainstream Protestant denominations – is on a steady decline.

The percentage of adults who claim "no religious preference" is rising, jumping from 7 percent in 1991 to 16 percent today, and the percentage of young adults who have "no religious preference" is nearly twice that. So fewer people are ready to identify themselves explicitly as Christians.

In addition, loyalty to particular denominations is eroding. Of the six mainline Protestant denominations – all of which have been losing members for 40 years – worship attendance declined in real numbers by 12 percent between 1994 and 2005. That number is even larger if you consider membership as a percentage of the total population.

At the same time, the average age of members in most denominations is increasing. Among Mennonites, for example, the average age has jumped from 49 to 54 over the past 15 years, while the number of young people under the age of 45 in our congregations declined from 54 percent to 30 percent.

Over the past decade, virtually all denominations have faced significant budget reductions, with declining dollars available for missions, publications, education and administration.

Meanwhile, the tendency to move freely from one denomination to another has become much more common. In 1955, only 1 in 25 people changed denominations in their lifetime. In 1985, the figure was 1 in 3. Today it is closer to 1 in 2. According to a recent survey, one-third of Mennonite Church USA members agree with the statement "Church denominations do not matter."

THE RISE OF GENERIC CHRISTIANITY

What is emerging is less a culture of "disbelief" than the rise of what can be called "generic Christianity" – Christianity floating free from a particular denominational tradition.

Increasingly, young adults are inclined to say something like "I'm spiritual, but not religious" or "I believe in God, but not the church" or "I can worship in nature just as authentically – maybe even more so – than if I were in the pew on Sunday morning." Young people talk a great deal about spiritual life. Yet allegiance to traditional denominations is almost not on the radar.

A second and fast-growing form of "generic Christianity" has been the rise of so-called "mega churches," almost all of which are either explicitly "nondenominational" or take pains to downplay their denominational affiliations.

Still others have been frustrated with traditional denominations because they have not taken a clear enough stance on "hot button" social or political issues like abortion or homosexuality or opposition to the war.

In short, for the average Christian today denominational distinctions seem to be increasingly irrelevant. We are less inclined to assume that religious authority should be entrusted to experts in some distant seminary or church headquarters. In an age of mass media, global connectivity and aggressive marketing, we have come to discover that there are lots of denominational options out there, many of which are presenting their programs with more sophistication and appeal than our own.

And finally, even though recent immigrants and the elderly may still count on the church to preserve ethnic identity, younger people are far less inclined to appreciate the social or cultural role that churches once played. Few people look to their denominations as the carrier of a distinctive culture, the primary source of marriage partners or the hub of ethnic activities.

DENOMINATIONS DO MATTER

Many people regard the declining role of denominations as a positive development – "Good riddance to bad rubbish." After all, one might argue, isn't a divided church a scandal for the Christian witness to the world? Didn't Jesus pray that the church would be One, just as his Father in Heaven was one?

Yet the brokenness of Christ's body is indeed a matter of serious concern. And precisely because the body of Christ is always incarnated in specific times, cultures and places, I would like to suggest that denominations do matter and that the trend toward "generic Christianity" should be resisted.

Congregations that have no denominational connections often place themselves under the authority of charismatic, individual leaders who are accountable to no one. These groups may flourish for a time, but they quickly fade when the leader passes from the scene or they go down in a fiery crash when the leader begins to use the church as a means to personal wealth or power.

Denominations provide a necessary ballast, stability and accountability to individual congregations. They help like-minded congregations organize for missions and relief work; they represent your congregation to the broader Christian church.

Even more important is the fact that denominations – of one sort or another – are impossible to avoid, because there is no such thing as a "nondenominational" church. There is no such thing as "generic Christianity." The idea that we will be united if we "just" believe the Bible or "just" love Jesus is an illusion.

Pastors of nondenominational churches interpret the Bible according to some theological tradition. Their Sunday schools use curriculum that comes from somewhere. Their worship practices inevitably borrow from some particular stream in larger Christian tradition. In point of fact, those who claim to be "nondenominational" are almost always willfully blind to the historical traditions and biblical interpretations that are actively shaping their understanding of faithful belief and practice.

This is true because our beliefs are never "free floating" or "universal." Our understandings of faith will always be expressed in the particularity of language and culture and form. If anyone tells you that they are part of a nondenominational church, that they have no human-made doctrine, that they just preach the Bible and are simply "Christian," don't believe them; it's simply not true!

Incidentally, it is precisely those churches with the sharpest clarity about their beliefs and expectations – Mormons and Pentecostals, for example – that are growing the fastest. And the independent churches that are attracting members around sharply focused issues are, in the end, not "nondenominational." They are simply creating new denominational identities of their own.

"My faith has been made stronger through friendships I have had with people of other denominations. … Growing up in a small town where there are about 15 Mennonite churches in a 20-mile radius one would think that my best friends in school would have been Mennonites like me. But one was Catholic and the other Methodist. … When we entered high school the serious conversations began to take place. Why did Mennonite believe that you shouldn't fight? Did Catholics really believe that you were eating Christ's body during communion? Although we argued about our denominations, we also learned about each other's and I think in the end gained a respect for our differences.

… I don't celebrate or lament the changes in denominational structure. I do feel structure is important. It helps us as denomination to know where we are coming from and to give direction to the future. Changes are hard, but if we are trusting in the Holy Spirit then we know that God is with us in our changes and is helping to guide the decision making process."

Rachel Ringenberg Miller '02
Associate Pastor, Portland (Ore.) Mennonite Church

"My interaction with other denominations began during my elementary school days when my public school classmates and I would talk about what we did in church. From those early discussions I realized that there were various ways that people worshiped and expressed their faith. Because I valued and trusted those friendships I think I always believed that they worshiped 'in spirit and in truth,' even if their truth didn't always match with what I learned in the Mennonite church.

… When I introduce myself as a Mennonite, particularly now as a pastor, I am often greeted by 'We need you!' It's almost embarrassing because people often have an idealized image of Mennonites that we don't necessarily live up to. Yet this invitation prompts me to recommit myself to practicing, and helping to develop within the congregation I lead, the unique gifts that Mennonites have to offer the larger church."

Joetta Handrich Schlabach '80
Pastor, Faith Mennonite Church
Minneapolis, Minn.

DIVERSE VOICES PRAISING GOD

If denominations in some form or another are unavoidable and if we believe that our faith points us in some important way to Truth, then how are we to live together on a campus that has 38 different claims on that Truth? Or in a community with 69? Or in a country with 15,000?

In the Revelation of St. John, we read that at the end of time a great multitude of people – believers from every nation, tribe, people, language (and, I would add, denominations) – will gather together to sing their praises before the Throne of God. About six years ago, a Lutheran friend called my attention to this eschatological vision of all the various peoples of the earth gathering to sing praises to God and I haven't been able to get it out of my mind since.

I'm a Mennonite for reasons that matter to me. But in the course of my conversations with Christians from other traditions, it has become more and more clear to me that all of history is ultimately moving to a time when all of God's people from every corner of the earth – all 38 denominations represented here at Goshen College, all 69 groups in our community, all of the world's 34,000 sub-groups of Christians, indeed, all of humanity itself – is going to gather together in praise to God.

That's where history is moving. And I want to be on the side of history, finding myself on a path that is joining up with all sorts of other people who are also moving in that direction with the intention of praising the One who is seated on the Throne of God. If you are on that journey of bringing your praises to God, then hold your head high and sing out with gusto. If others are singing, then try to harmonize as best you can. B

John D. Roth is professor of history and director of the Mennonite Historical Library. This article is an abstract and distillation from his speech, "Boundaries and Bridges: Do Denominations Matter?," which was delivered as part of the Afternoon Sabbatical series at Goshen College on Feb. 12.

BULLETIN online Go to www.goshen.edu/bulletin to read the full text of Roth's speech, as prepared for delivery, as well as view a video of his convocation or listen to a podcast.

WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

What do you think about Professor Roth's thesis? Does the description ring true or do you have a different view? Are the trends that he has sketched recognizable? Are denominations relevant or unnecessary?

Send your response, including your name and contact information, for inclusion on the Correspondence page to gcbulletin@goshen.edu or to Goshen College Bulletin, 1700 S. Main St., Goshen, IN 46526.

FINDING SWEET LEMONS AND BITTER ORANGES IN IRAN

By Jodi H. Beyeler

Why would U.S. Christian college students travel to a country like Iran which is perceived as unsafe for Americans and hostile to the U.S. government?

Goshen College 2008 graduates **Rebecca Fast** and **Paul Shetler** went to understand better what the country and Iranian people are like and ended up finding the unexpected: sweet lemons, bitter oranges and a warm welcome.

The two, who anticipate future international work together after they are married, joined 10 others for a 15-day learning tour, sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in late December and early January. From the moment they arrived, their expectations were challenged.

Rebecca Fast and Paul Shetler

In contrast to the fear and suspicion of Iran that some U.S. leaders encourage, Fast and Shetler instead found a country that offered unexpected hospitality, an acceptance of U.S. citizens and an understanding and appreciation for Christianity.

From meetings and conversations over tea to abundant gifts, hospitality by the Iranians struck the visitors immediately. "We were overwhelmed by their warmth and generosity," said Fast, a social work major from Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. "We were often greeted with, 'Welcome to our country. We are so glad you are here.'"

They also noted the hospitality that the country has extended on a broader scale. Situated between two current wars that the United States is engaged in – Afghanistan and Iraq – Iran has taken in more than 3 million refugees from Afghanistan and many from Iraq with little international aid or acknowledgement.

Both Fast and Shetler have had many opportunities for world travel, and are familiar with the negative way Americans are perceived in many countries. Fast, as a Canadian, usually faces few problems or negative response. Iran is very different though. The first time when the group introduced themselves, Fast received a colder response. "It brought me down a few pegs," she said. Iranians appreciate Americans for being more devoutly religious, like themselves, than Canadians or Europeans.

"One of the impressive things was to see the full range of political opinions among people," said Shetler, a history major from Goshen. "It isn't a monolithic anti-American society. There is a full spectrum of opinions, including supporters of President Bush."

Iran is a country with a primarily Shiite Muslim population, in contrast to Sunni Muslim, which is more common around the world. And it is a crime in the country to convert to Christianity from Islam. That said, Fast and Shetler were surprised how knowledgeable and appreciative Iranians are about Christianity. "They have a high respect for Christians, as practicing religious people," said Fast.

Iranians also have a lot of awareness about Christian beliefs and holidays. Because the group arrived just after Christmas, when they were at a bazaar, a seller said to them, "I forgot to wish you a Christmas greeting," and then gave them a Christian holiday discount on their purchases. They also received Christmas cards from staff in hotels and restaurants. "Christianity oddly provided a point of commonality and connection when politics and history seemed to divide us," said Shetler.

These contrasts to their initial expectations were what marked the entire trip for Fast and Shetler. The two odd fruits that they found – sweet lemons and sour oranges – came to symbolize Iran's unexpected contrasts for them. "Iran is incredibly nuanced and complicated. The people of Iran defy stereotypes. And Iranians will not be pigeonholed," said Fast.

Other examples of that abound. On one hand, the country is considered an "Axis of Evil," but on the other, the police use neon-colored feather dusters to control large public gatherings instead of guns. "I felt the safest in any country I have traveled in," Fast said.

On a Friday afternoon, Fast and Shetler noticed that while there was a Friday prayer service with heated political rhetoric from the government on one side of town, on the other side of town there was a mass gathering of people listening to poems by Persian love poets. And in the city of Shiraz, there is a place called Palestinian Square that has on its four corners: a mosque, a synagogue, a church and a bank. "Nothing in Iran is as simple as it seems," said Shetler.

"Just when we thought we were beginning to understand Iranian culture, there was an exception. We just started to look for the contrasts," said Fast.

Even what was one of the most difficult parts of the trip for Fast – as a woman, having to be covered in four or five layers of clothes, called the *hijab*, with only hands and face showing – proved to be complex. She had prepared herself for this expectation, but as a Western self-confident woman, she found the requirement very difficult. "I have never experienced such warmth and welcome, or been less harassed as a woman than in Iran," Fast said. "The challenge though was the loss of voice I experienced for a significant part of my time in Iran. I didn't expect to have my self-esteem affected, but it was." The laws also included that women and men couldn't touch, so handshakes with male hosts weren't allowed.

As difficult as wearing the *hijab* was for Fast, she also pointed out ways that Iranian society gives women surprising opportunities. For example, 63 percent of students in higher education are women. And Fast and Shetler found a feminist section of a library at a conservative Islamic seminary.

MCC has had a unique presence and relationship with Iran since 1990 when the organization responded to an earthquake by providing material aid. The organization has hosted numerous such learning tours over the years. The learning tour spent time meeting with organizations and governmental groups, touring historical, cultural and religious sites; and studying about Islam at a religious institute in the city of Qom.

When they are asked why they as U.S. Christian college students traveled to Iran, Shetler replies, "I hoped that we would get an intimate enough portrait of what is happening there to be able to speak with integrity about Iran and Iranians, and to humanize them for people here who only get to know Iran through the media." What he found is that "Iranians want to be treated as neighbors and respected, not defined, by their government."

With the U.S. government talking about potentially taking military action against the country, Fast believes that personal relationships between Americans and Iranians, and between Christians and Muslims, are key to better solutions. "Personalizing Iran and the Iranian people is fundamental to building peace," she said. B

John D. and Winnie Yordy at April reception.

▲ Two views of Professor John D. Yordy during his teaching days at Goshen College.

EXTRAORDINARY CARE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Provost John D. Yordy retires after 31 years

For 31 years, Provost and Executive Vice President John D. Yordy said he pursued the goals of providing "extraordinary care to the ordinary and routine work that we do, to the special challenges that are sometimes part of institutional life and to the common good."

On April 21, Yordy '67 was honored for his decades of "Culture for Service" at a reception at College Mennonite Church. Yordy, 65, who retired June 30, thanked current and former faculty and staff members, administrators, students and his wife, Winnie, for the support they provided him and the college. They, in turn, thanked him.

"John's vision and his leadership are as vital and relevant today as when he first became a student at Goshen College. John served Goshen College for 20 years as a chemistry professor and another 11 years as provost, overlapping two years as an interim president. In all this work, he provided keen oversight, leadership in good times and in times of transition and crisis," said President Jim Brenneman.

"Faith, service to the Mennonite Church, service to Goshen College and service to the world are hallmarks of John's career whether in Goshen, Haiti, Mexico, Honduras, the Dominican Republic or Kenya. Indeed, 'Culture for Service' and a life lived in companionship with Christ are apt descriptions of John Yordy. And it's still a wonderful blueprint for our mission at Goshen College."

Professor of Physics Carl Helrich praised Yordy for his accomplishments as a professor and an administrator, including the renovation of the Science Building and helping provide innovative research opportunities for students. Scott Barge '99 described Yordy as an excellent teacher and mentor with a tireless commitment to Goshen College. It also was announced that members of the President's Circle have established the John D. and M. Winifred Yordy Scholarship. B

– by Richard R. Aguirre

"I have enjoyed each of the stages of life at Goshen College, including teaching and my role in administration, both as provost and interim president. … I have had the privilege of working with wonderful colleagues committed to the mission of the college and our common work together. Our goal has been to give extraordinary care to the ordinary and routine work that we do, to the special challenges that are sometimes part of institutional life and to the common good. I wish current and retired colleagues and the college every success and God's blessing now and in the years ahead as all of us continue to work for the welfare of the college."

– John D. Yordy

"The college waded through some very difficult times and he was always one to be able to see the bigger picture and not let the challenges get the best of him. … I think John should be remembered first and foremost for his commitment to the college and for his strength of character that manifested itself in so many ways through his effective leadership."

– Scott Barge '99, former student and assistant

BULLETIN online Go to www.goshen.edu/bulletin to read the full quotes and see more photos.

LESS THAN A MONTH FOR SINGING, DANCING, ACTING ... AND QUILTING

For most Goshen College students, classes during May term are intense, but peppered with afternoons of studying on the lawn or playing Ultimate Frisbee as they relish final days before heading home for summer.

But this past May didn't offer such leisurely opportunities to senior Adrienne Nesbitt and other students and faculty who turned a class into the full musical drama "Quilters" performed on the Umble Center stage to large audiences May 18-20.

Under the direction of Professor of Music Debra Brubaker and Professor of Theater Doug Liechty Caskey, a cast of seven female students – including Nesbitt – brought to life the stories of struggles and joys of frontier life for women and their quilts.

Since she graduated, theater and music double major Nesbitt saw that an intense month of preparing such a production would offer her helpful real world experience. "That is the more realistic way productions are done in that kind of time frame … to have just a few weeks to put a show together," she said. She had previously played roles in four college mainstage plays and musicals, which were produced over a full semester.

For "Quilters," the cast and crew began on a Wednesday and had to have the words, music, choreography and blocking memorized in the first week and half. Then, just 18 nights after they began, the rehearsals were over and the show began.

Though it was a fast and furious process, the month of preparing and performing was also full of new experiences. "I introduced the making of quilt patches so that the cast and crew could get their hands and fingers around what it feels like to put together fabric and make a quilt," said Brubaker, a quilter herself. "There are many references to needles, stitches, fabric, etc., in the musical and I wanted the women to 'own' these ideas and concepts."

Nesbitt, who hadn't quilted prior to this but made two nine-patches in the end, said, "Quilting is something you think of for older woman and not something you do in college, but we would go out and work on the quilt when we had a short break. Instead of being an extra task it ended up being more of a stress reliever."

The end result was a quilt that 15 different people put squares into – including the directors, choreographer, accompanist and technical director – 25 people helped quilt and it measured 70 by 80 inches. It was then raffled off at the final show to raise money for quilters in Mongolia.

"The thing I fell in love with about quilts is that there is always a story," said Nesbitt. "You become a detective and try to figure out what the story is behind it. They are sort of little time capsules that are used."

– By Jodi H. Beyeler

PLEASE JOIN US
Goshen College
homecoming
October 3-5, 2008

friday, october 3

10 a.m.
Chapel *Church-Chapel*
2008 Culture for Service, Decade of Servant Leadership and Champions of Character award recipients

Culture for Service
- Dale Kempf '78, distinguished research fellow, director, antiviral research, Abbott Laboratories

- James Mininger '65, president, Lithuania Christian College (LCC) International University
- Virginia Mast Mininger '65, donor communications coordinator, LCC International University

- Paul Myers '66, president, International Fair Trade Association; chair, International Development Enterprises

Decade of Servant Leadership
- Janna Hunter-Bowman '00, national program coordinator: documentation and advocacy, Justapaz, Bogota, Colombia

Champions of Character
- John Ingold '59, retired professor of physical education
- Trinda Hirschey Bishop '69, retired teacher

10:30 a.m.
Reception *Church-Chapel Gathering Rooms*
Alumni, students and friends are invited to join us as the award recipients accept their awards.

1:30-2:30 p.m.
SST Tea *Church-Chapel Gathering Rooms*
Alumni, students and friends are invited to join us in honoring the founders and faculty leaders of SST.

2:30-4:30 p.m.
Haitian Art: The Hunsberger Collection
Good Library Gallery
Selected paintings, art objects, metal and wooden sculptures in this exhibition express the colorful life of Haitian culture. For over 40 years, Arlin and Naomi Hunsberger have assembled one of the finest collections of Haitian art found in the midwest. Abner Hershberger, curator. A short program and reception will begin at 3 p.m.

4-7 p.m.
Class of 1958 50th Anniversary Banquet
Greencroft Senior Center
Celebrate 50 golden years! Hors d'oeuvres at 4 p.m. Class picture will be taken promptly at 4:30 p.m. Reservations required. Cost $20.

5-6:30 p.m. *Westlawn Dining Hall open*

5:30-7:30 p.m.
Art Exhibit & Reception
Hershberger Art Gallery, Music Center
Judy Wenig-Horswell: A Retrospective
Professor of Art Judy Wenig-Horswell will include work from the past 40 years in drawing, watercolor, enameling, jewelry, ceramics and sculpture.

7 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Purdue North Central
Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center (RFC)

7:30-8:30 p.m.
Homecoming Music Gala
Sauder Concert Hall
The music department presents its annual showcase of students and faculty. Come hear some of the department's first performances of the year. Cost $8.

9-10 p.m.
Peace Plays *Umble Center*
All seats $3.

saturday, october 4

7:45 a.m.
Fall Classic 3K Walk *RFC*
Awards for top male and female in each division. Complimentary T-shirt. Cost $12 in advance ($15 on site).

8 a.m.
Fall Classic 5K Run *RFC*
Awards for top male and female in each division. Complimentary T-shirt. Cost $12 in advance ($15 on site).

7:45-11:30 a.m.
Infant-Preschool Childcare
Church-Chapel Nursery Rooms
Cost $10 per child, includes breakfast and snack.

7:45-11:30 a.m.
K-6th Grade Swimming & Activities
Meet in RFC
Bring your swimsuit and enjoy activities including drumming and preparation for the children's parade. Cost $10 per child, includes breakfast and snack. Meet your children at Schrock Plaza at 11:30 a.m.

8-9:15 a.m.
Alumni Breakfast *Church Fellowship Hall*
All alumni are invited to start the day with a buffet breakfast and warm Goshen College welcome from President Jim Brenneman. Reservations required. Cost $10.

9:30-11:30 a.m.
Class Reunions
This is a special time planned for you and your classmates to reconnect and reminisce. Drinks and a light snack will be provided. No cost.

Class	Location
65th Class of 1943	*Gathering Rooms, Church-Chapel*
60th Class of 1948	*Gathering Rooms, Church-Chapel*
55th Class of 1953	*Gathering Rooms, Church-Chapel*
50th Class of 1958	*Koinonia Room, Church-Chapel*
45th Class of 1963	*Newcomer Center 19*
40th Class of 1968	*Rieth Recital Hall*
35th Class of 1973	*Newcomer Center 17*
30th Class of 1978	*College Cabin*
25th Class of 1983	*Music Center 153*
20th Class of 1988	*Music Center 150*
15th Class of 1993	*Church-Chapel 110*
10th Class of 1998	*RFC 104-106*
5th Class of 2003	*Java Junction in the KMY Connector*

11:15 a.m.
Children's Parade Celebrating 40 years of SST
Beginning at the RFC and ending at Schrock Plaza
K-6th grade children will join the parade. Parents will meet children at Schrock Plaza at 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. *Westlawn Dining Hall open*

12:30-2 p.m.
Back to the Classroom Seminars
SST Regional Dialogues: Facilitated by faculty with experience in these regions
- **Africa** – Jan Bender Shetler, professor of history *Wyse 123*
- **Asia** – Keith Graber Miller, professor of Bible, religion and philosophy *Wyse 319*
- **Caribbean** – Paul Meyer Reimer, associate professor of physics and Kathy Meyer Reimer, professor of education *Wyse 211*
- **Europe** – Jo-Ann Brant, professor of Bible, religion and philosophy, and Joe Springer, curator, Mennonite Historical Library, *Church-Chapel 112-113*
- **Latin America** – Dean Rhodes, associate professor of Spanish, and Beth Martin Birky, professor of English *Church-Chapel 110-111*

1-2 p.m.
Men's Soccer 50th Reunion Reception
Tent at the GC Soccer Fields

1-5 p.m.
Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning (CITL) Open House *Union Building*
Tour the newly renovated CITL offices and meet the faculty and staff in the north side of the Union Building.

2 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Holy Cross *GC Soccer Fields*

2:30-3:30 p.m.
Award Recipient Seminars
- **Dale Kempf**, "Designing drugs for AIDS therapy: From the lab bench to the bedside" *Wyse 211*
- **James and Virginia Mininger**, "Lithuania Christian College International University: A Christian Liberal Arts University for Eastern Europe" *Church-Chapel 110-111*
- **Paul Myers**, "The poor are amazing when . . ." *Wyse 318*
- **Janna Hunter-Bowman**, "Resolute victims & prophetic Christians doing faith in Colombia: The sacred 'Yes' of peacebuilding in a war-torn land" *Wyse 123*

3:30-4:30 p.m.
WGCS – 91.1 The Globe – 50th Reunion Reception *Union Building*

4 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Bethel College
GC Soccer Fields

4-5 p.m.
Peace Plays *Umble Center.* All seats $3.

5-6:45 p.m.
International Picnic
Tent by the Kratz-Miller-Yoder Connector
All alumni, their families, students and faculty are welcome to enjoy a picnic of international flavors. Cost: $11 for adults, $5 for children ages 5-10, $1 for children under 5.

7:30-8:30 p.m.
SST 40th Celebration *Church-Chapel*
"Father Jack, Padre Juan: Helping the Poorest of the Poor in Chimbote, Peru"
Father Jack has spent more that 30 years living and working with the poorest of the poor and recently with Goshen College students on SST service projects in Peru.

8:30-9:30 p.m.
Homecoming Hymn Sing *Church-Chapel*
Enjoy hymn singing at its finest, led by Scott Hochstetler, associate professor of music.

10 p.m.
Lavender Jazz: Sings & Swings Hour After
Union Gymnasium, East Side
Campus Activities Council invites alumni to join students in the annual swing dance with Lavender Jazz. No cost.

sunday, october 5

12-1 p.m. *Westlawn Dining Hall open*

2-3 p.m.
Peace Plays *Umble Center* All seats $3.

We encourage you to register online at www.goshen.edu/alumni/Homecoming.

Registration for Homecoming Weekend – October 3-5, 2008

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____
ZIP/Postal Code _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

❒ *Cash* ❒ *Check* ❒ *Charge — please charge $ _____ to my:*
❒ *Visa* ❒ *MasterCard* ❒ *Discover Card*
Credit Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
Expiration date: _____ / 20____
Signature: _____
(Required)

friday, october 3

Class of 1958 – 50th Banquet
____ @ $20 = $_____
Please note special dietary needs:
_____

Homecoming Music Gala
_____ @ $8 = $ _____

Peace Plays
Friday, Saturday or Sunday (circle one)
_____ @ $3 = $_____

saturday, october 4

3K Walk
_____ @ $12 = $_____

5K Run
_____ @ $12 = $_____

Alumni Breakfast
_____ @ $10 = $_____
Class year _____
Please note special dietary needs:
_____

Preschool Childcare
____ @ $10 = $_____
Name _____ Age ____

Kids' Activities – K-6th grade
____ @ $10 = $_____
Name _____ Age ____
Name _____ Age ____

Class Reunions
1943 ____@ no charge
1948 ____@ no charge
1953 ____@ no charge
1958 ____@ no charge
1963 ____@ no charge
1968 ____@ no charge
1973 ____@ no charge
1978 ____@ no charge
1983 ____@ no charge
1988 ____@ no charge
1993 ____@ no charge
1998 ____@ no charge
2003 ____@ no charge

Homecoming Picnic
___ Adults @ $11 = $_____
___ Age 5-10 @ $5 = $_____
___ Under age 5 @ $1 = $ _____
Please note special dietary needs:
_____

Late fee, per adult, after Sept. 19
_____ @ + $5 = $ _____
Total enclosed: $_____ with credit card information or check payable to:
Goshen College
Alumni Office
1700 S. Main St.
Goshen IN 46526

Note: No refund for cancellations after Sept. 24.

lodging

Blocks of rooms have been held. To get the group rate, identify yourself as Goshen College alumnus/alumna.

- **Courtyard by Marriott** ($94 double occupancy queen or king) 1-800-321-2211. Make reservations by Sept. 3, when rooms will be released.
- **Travelodge** ($59 double occupancy) (574) 533-9551. Make reservations by Sept. 19, when rooms will be released.

Bed and Breakfast Listings – Call (574) 535-7565 or visit www.goshen.edu/aboutgc/map.php for listings.

Camp sites available at Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds – Call (574) 533-3247 for more information. Costs range from $20.33/night for water and electric to $26.75/night for a full hookup with sewer and 50 amp electricity.

general information

Call (574) 535-7565 for more information.

Welcome Center and Lost & Found *Union Lobby*
Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Maple Leaf Message Board *Union Lobby*

Abner Hershberger Art Gallery *Music Center*
Friday 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 2-4 p.m.

Bookstore *Union*
Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Good Library Gallery *Good Library*
Friday 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 12- 6 p.m., Sunday 1-11 p.m.

Westlawn Dining Hall prices (pay at the door):

Breakfast:	$5.16 plus tax
Lunch:	$7.37 plus tax
Dinner:	$8.70 plus tax

Children 11 & under pay half price.

Java Junction *KMY Connector*
Hang out with old friends and enjoy your favorite espresso, smoothie or bubble tea!
Friday 8 p.m.-midnight, Saturday 2 p.m.-midnight.

Roman Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center
Free use for alumni and families. Please identify yourself at the front desk as a Goshen College alumnus/alumna.
RFC hours: Friday 5-10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m.
Pool hours: Friday 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 6-9 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m.

Tickets will not be mailed out. 50th class members may pick up tickets at the 50th Banquet.
All other tickets may be picked up at the Welcome Center during listed hours or at your Friday evening event.

PLANET + PEOPLE + PROFIT + GOD = TEACHING THE ECONOMICS OF GOING GREEN

The environmental movement and the business community haven't always been great friends. But new Associate Professor of Economics Jerrell Ross Richer is finding that his expertise on sustainability and business is the perfect fit as the GC campus and students work to be greener, to save money and to practice Christian faith.

As an academic, Richer defines sustainability like many experts do. "It usually involves three objectives: protect the planet; provide for the needs of people; and produce the goods and services that bring comfort and joy to our lives."

But, as a Christian, he also adds a fourth element: faith. "The environmental movement is often motivated by fear. I believe their cause has been weakened by a misplaced spirituality and a failure to embrace people of faith," he said.

Richer started learning about climate change as a graduate student 20 years ago and it led him to eventually teach in the country's first master's of business administration in sustainable enterprise.

By hiring Richer last year, the GC business department pushed its curriculum in a new direction that is critical to where the field needs to go. "My colleagues really support it and see that it is a natural extension of the focus on business ethics which we always have had," Richer said.

Richer's passion for economics and the environment are what distinguishes his approach in the classroom, in his consulting and in his research. During May term this year, his class "Management Policy and Social Responsibility" for graduating seniors partnered with a local commercial truck dealership to determine the environmental benefits and financial payback on an investment of wind turbines.

In contrast to his observations of the secular environmental movement, Richer appreciates the college's starting point for working at sustainability. "Goshen offers a more integrated approach," he said. "If we believe sustainability is a calling from God – that God wants us to protect creation, people and the economy – then we can be successful."

– By Jodi H. Beyeler

WELCOME TO ALUMNI CROSSINGS,

Kelli Burkholder King '77
Director of Alumni Relations

CONNECTING THROUGH GOSHEN AND A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

As I begin my new position relating to alumni, churches and parents, I realize Goshen College has changed a lot since I was a student in the 1970s. One element that remains constant, though, is the quality liberal arts education that undergirds GC's course offerings. Age and experience have strengthened my appreciation for this education. After receiving my bachelor's degree, I pursued a master's degree in public health and used that degree in a variety of health-related jobs. These positions varied from hospitals and health clinics to public health departments and health advocacy organizations.

What I now realize is that I was able to move from providing patient care, to management, to educational material development, to grant writing and now, to an area not related to health, because of a strong liberal arts education. Goshen College helped me develop communication, relational and problem solving skills, along with understanding the importance and complexity of cross-cultural communication.

The Association of American Colleges and Universities' Web site recently included an article outlining what a liberal education means. The essay concluded that business leaders in a variety of sectors highly value thinking that is analytical, integrative, scientific and creative. Employers want graduates who are "skilled communicators, adept at quantitative reasoning, oriented to innovation, sophisticated about diversity, and grounded in cross-cultural and global learning."

As the Class of 2008 left campus, you can be sure these students received an excellent education that will serve them and the world well as they encounter the challenges and opportunities in this complex, global economy. The core values and the liberal arts education they have been immersed in at Goshen College are in urgent need out there!

I am looking forward to my work at GC and connecting to the broader college community. Some of these connections will happen through the *Bulletin*, some through homecoming weekend and others through alumni events in your areas. I welcome your feedback and look forward to meeting or hearing from you. E-mail me at kellibk@goshen.edu or call me at (574) 535-7563.

BOARD PROVIDES SERVICE AND REPRESENTATION TO GC ALUMNI

The following are your representatives of the Alumni Executive Board for 2007-08:

Alumni board at fall 2007 meeting.

Tim Manickam '82, president, Portland, Ore.; Karen Lapp Bowman '77, Weddington, N.C.; Steve Brenneman '82, River Forest, Ill.; J. William Clemens '75, Goshen, Ind.; Kevin Deary '00, Goshen, Ind.; Gwen Reid Edwards '83, Morris Plains, N.J.; Dirk Eitzen '80, Lititz, Pa.; Russell Freed '66, East Lansing, Mich.; Cindy Friesen-Mason '87, Hesston, Kan.; Laurie Fulle-Rychener '83, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Keith Gerber '69, Sarasota, Fla.; Pam Gerig Unruh '79, Wayland, Iowa; Deb King Helmuth '80, Indianapolis, Ind.; Kay Hershberger '88, New York, N.Y.; Matt Hochstetler '06, Orrville, Ohio; Sally Hunsberger '86, Washington, D.C.; Karla Myers '96, Lansdale, Pa.; Gwen Brenneman Rich '67, Archbold, Ohio; Vicki Yoder Smucker '71, Granger, Ind.; Barry Weaver '77, Bloomington, Ill.; Barbara Derstine Weirich '78, Harrisonburg, Va.; and Kelli Burkholder King '77, director of Alumni Relations, Goshen.

You can learn more about the board at: http://mygc.goshen.edu/alumni/Home

ON THE ROAD AND AT HOME

Goshen College values maintaining relationships with alumni and providing opportunities for alumni to network with one another. The following events were scheduled with such purposes in mind:

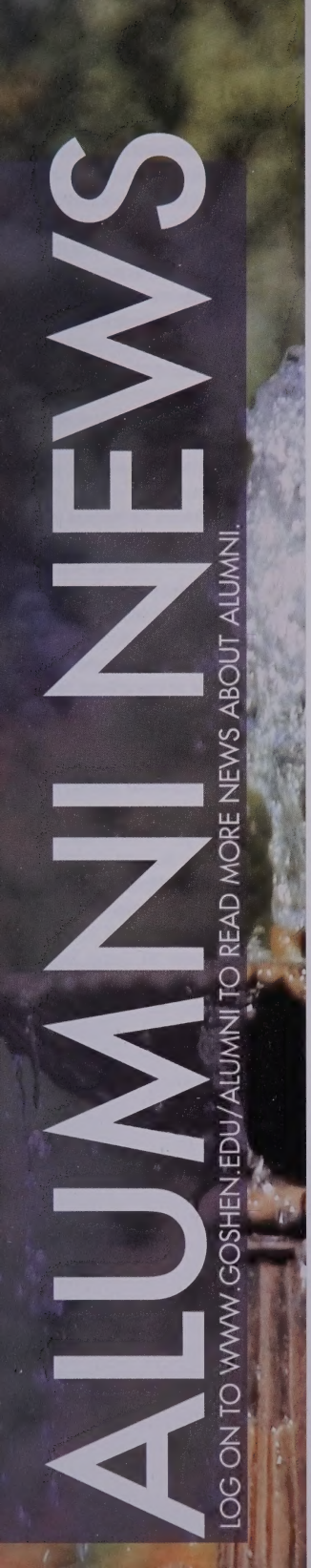
Sept. 6:	Chicago area alumni gathering, home of Tammy and Steve Brenneman '82, River Forest, Ill.
Oct. 3-5:	Homecoming weekend (see insert in this issue)
Oct. 18:	Alumni gathering after the women's volleyball game, Bluffton University

For more information on these and other gatherings, visit the alumni event calendar at www.goshen.edu/alumni or call (574) 535-7565.

DESERT WELCOMES CLASS OF 2008

The Class of 2008 officially was welcomed as new alumni at the Senior Dessert Celebration on April 15. Delicious pies and cinnamon rolls were served, along with coffee from the student-run coffeebar, Java Junction.

Members of the Class of 2008 were commended by President Jim Brenneman and Vice President for Student Life Bill Born for their leadership at Goshen College and encouraged by Kelli Burkholder King, director of alumni, church and parent relations, and Jeff Hochstetler '08, who served on the committee that coordinated this year's senior gift. Seniors also were given a gift from the Alumni Office in honor of their new alumni status: a Goshen College picture frame suitable for preserving their college memories.



DEATHS 1930-39

Charles L. Bickel, husband of **Vera Yoder Bickel '33**, 14 Melrose Manor, Elkhart, IN 46516, died Jan. 6.

James R. Clemens '35, Goshen, died Jan. 10. He was Goshen College librarian from 1950 until he retired in 1980.

Agnes L. Cripe '37, Goshen, died Feb. 6.

Grace I. Frederick, wife of **Noble I. Frederick '36**, 1225 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died Feb. 28.

Blanche Luke Garber '36, New Paris, Ind., died March 30.

Mary Esch Greener '37, Minneapolis, Minn., died Dec. 23.

Lester T. Hershey '36, Fort Ashby, W.Va., died Nov. 3.

Marjorie Osborne Hochstedler '37, Greentown, Ind., died March 20.

Helen Yoder Leichty '33, Goshen, died March 31. She worked as a Goshen College switchboard operator during the 1960s.

Alice Gerig Martin '32, Goshen, died April 1.

Idella Zuercher Nussbaum '34, Orrville, Ohio, died May 6.

Edna Ramer Peffly '39, Bluffton, Ind., died Nov. 16.

Mabel Schrock Snider Raber '33, Goshen, Ind., died April 4.

Mary Stuckman Sammons '37, Lakeland, Fla., died Jan. 23.

Carolyn Hershberger Spencer '36, Temple, Texas, died Feb. 24, 2007.

Mildred Metzler Steiner '34, Goshen, died Nov. 29.

Walter R. Swartzendruber '30, Sebewaing, Mich., died Dec. 24.

Beulah M. Ulrich '36, Eureka, Ill., died Feb. 22.

Karl R. Van Dorston '29, Goshen, died Feb. 24.

Arlowene Stiver Weldy '38, Wakarusa, Ind., died April 23.

NEWS 1940-49

Edward Diener '43, Archbold, Ohio, retired from church ministry responsibilities after 44 years as pastor in three churches and 19 years as assistant in visitation ministry at West Clinton Mennonite Church.

Rachel Swartzendruber Fisher '43 and **Robert D. Fisher '43**, Goshen, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Jan. 3.

Paul A. Friesen '46, Hesston, Kan., is retired but continues to work in his studio. He is looking forward to the completion of the Friesen Center for the Visual Arts on the Hesston College campus.

Carolyn Weaver Hertzler '46, Goshen, received the Music Teachers National Association Fellow award on March 31.

Laurence M. Horst '45, Goshen, was recognized for achieving 13,000 hours as a volunteer at Greencroft Retirement Community at its Volunteer Recognition Banquet on May 1.

Ivan J. Kauffmann '49 and Lola Kauffmann moved to Greencroft Retirement Community in Goshen in 2007.

Dorothy Miller Nelson McFarland '44, Goshen, was recognized on May 1 for 40 years of volunteer service with the Greencroft Retirement Community Auxiliary.

DEATHS

Robert R. Albrecht '40, Chesterton, Ind., died March 4.

Lloyd E. Armstrong, husband of **Thelma Rufenacht Armstrong '44**, Fairlawn Retirement Community, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 106, Archbold, OH 43502, died March 3.

H. Robert Betzelberger, husband of **Betty Garber Betzelberger '45**, 1500 7th St., Apt. 115, Lincoln, IL 62656, died Jan. 9.

Mabel Frey Bontrager '46, Goshen, died Dec. 20.

Barbara Phillips Evans '48, Bristol, Ind., died Dec. 11.

Carol Hoover Greeson '49, Goshen, died Jan. 5.

Ralph Hernley '41, husband of **Elizabeth Sieber Hernley '39**, 1300 Greencroft Drive, Apt. 106, Goshen, IN 46526, died March 14.

Carol Glick Kaufman '41, wife of **Paul A. Kaufman '37**, 6555 U.S. Highway 68 S., Apt. 7A, West Liberty, OH 43357, died Feb. 19.

Edna Hostetler Kline '40, Goshen, died May 2.

James G. Koch '49, husband of **Beulah King Koch '51**, 1203 Walker Road, #219, Dover, DE 19904, on Jan. 30.

Robert "Bob" Kolb, husband of **Esther Wenger Kolb '44**, P.O. Box 117, Springs, PA 15562, died March 27.

Artley Leatherman '40, husband of Naomi Leatherman, 1725 Juniper Place, Apt. 321, Goshen, died April 22.

Clara A. Leist '47, Crown Point, Ind., died Jan. 7.

Clayton H. Martin, husband of **Zelma Frey Martin '53**, 2050 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601, died Feb. 4.

Martha Grove Miller '45, Elkhart, Ind., died Feb. 10.

Lois Nafziger Nofziger '43, Archbold, Ohio, died March 20.

Alvin J. Regier '47, Hobart, Ind., died July 15, 2007.

Wilbur Shisler, husband of **Marie Ramseyer Beechy '40**, 551 Beechwood Drive, Wooster, OH 44691, died July 21, 2007.

Ruth Miller Stroup '48, Goshen, died Feb. 25.

Grace Miller Tiessen '48, Kalona, Iowa, died April 13.

Fern Weaver Witmer '41, wife of Anson Witmer, 24300 County Road 30, Goshen, IN 46526, died April 4.

NEWS 1950-59

Violet Keens Barr '56, Shippensburg, Pa., is retired and living in a retired senior citizens community of 52 houses.

Don W. Blosser '59, Goshen, began a two-year interim pastoral assignment in February at First Mennonite Church in Berne, Ind.

Esther Showalter Deal '53, moved from Fort Wayne, Ind., to Greencroft Retirement Community, Goshen, in April.

Louise Buckwalter Dean '59, Largo, Fla., is involved full time in her ATM business. She enjoyed a cruise in January 2007 to Jamaica and Grand Cayman Islands and then a trip to Taiwan in November 2007. She is also involved in visitation to shut-ins at her church, specializing in Alzheimers, and is still a Guardian ad Litem.

John A. Esau '59 and **Bernice Klaassen Esau '58** moved in November to Kidron Beth Village, a retirement community in North Newton, Kan. Although retired, both work at Book ReViews, a used bookstore in Newton which donates profits to local charities. Bernice volunteers with VITA, an income tax assistance program, and also with medical assistance counseling in Kansas, helping with Medicare D decisions. John continues to write as a columnist for the *Mennonite Weekly Review*.

Sabine Steffen Gardner '59, Centerport, N.Y., earned a Service Playing Certificate (SPC) from the American Guild of Organists a few years ago and now is involved as a substitute organist.

Harry L. Graber '54, West Liberty, Ohio, works part time as a cardiologist consultant at Ohio State University and as director of an outreach hospital.

Leonard Gross '53, Goshen, and **Jan Gleysteen '55**, Goshen, co-authored *Colonial Germantown Mennonites* (Cascadia Publishing House, 2007), an illustrated history of the first permanent Mennonite settlement in North America. Both Gross and Gleysteen serve on the board of the Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust (GMHT).

Roger Haines '54 and **Charlene Sommer Haines '56**, Mishawaka, Ind., have enjoyed volunteering with the SOOP (Service Opportunities for Older People) program in Tucson for the last six years.

Hazel Nice Hassan '52 and **Richard Hassan '53** moved to Waterford Crossing, a retirement home in Goshen.

Mary W. Hofer '51, Sioux Center, Iowa, lives at the Crown Pointe Retirement Center.

Doris Birky Hook '54 and Herman Hall, Goshen, were wed Sept. 8, and reside at Greencroft Retirement Center.

Donald L. Horst '58 and **Fay Etta Weaver Horst '58**, Lansing, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23.

Gerald L. Hughes '54, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was presented the 2007 Distinguished Service Award from the Musical Arts Association, recognizing ongoing and extraordinary service to The Cleveland Orchestra. Hughes has been a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus for 50 years.

Naomi Kauffman Lederach '54 and **John Lederach '57**, Goshen, are both retired. They host tours for Tourmagination to Alaska, Ireland and Europe.

Don M. Marquis '59, New Orleans, La., wrote two books, *In Search of Buddy Bolden, First Man of Jazz* (Louisiana State University Press, 1978) and *Finding Buddy Bolden* (Pinchpenny Press, 1990), which a 2008 movie titled "Bolden" is roughly based on. The movie is produced and directed by Dan Pritzker and Wynton Marsalis.

Allen S. Martin '59, Goshen, retired from medical practice. He and his wife Ruth celebrated 53 years of marriage and have 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mary Ellen Yoder Meyer '54, Goshen, named the 2008 Exchange Club of Goshen Book of Golden Deeds Award winner, was honored May 1.

David L. Schenk '58, Port Hueneme, Calif., received a Lifetime Service Award at The Salvation Army Oxnard-Port Hueneme annual awards night on March 16 for serving 25 years as a board member.

Wil M. Rutt '56, Berwyn, Ill., is chair of the board of the Ten Thousand Villages store, which opened in Oak Park, Ill. He also keeps busy with a Kids Garden Project.

Vernon E. Schertz '55, Atlanta, Ga., serves as elder in East Atlanta Christian Fellowship (formerly Berea Mennonite).

Dean G. Slagel '51 and **Dorothy Schrock Slagel '51**, Goshen, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 18. Dorothy sings with the Evergreen Singers and in a sextet at Greencroft Retirement Community and also volunteers at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center.

Genny Leichty Schwartzentruber '54, Goshen, volunteers as a Hospice volunteer and as an interpreter at the Center for Healing and Hope, a clinic for care of the uninsured.

Margaret Gerber Stoltzfus '55, Oskaloosa, Iowa, was the speaker at William Penn University's 134th baccalaureate service on May 3.

Norman H. Teague '54, Harrisonburg, Va., is vice president of Living Water Retreat, a camp for prisoners' children, and is jail chaplain at Rockingham Jail. His book, *Homeward Bound*, just came off the press after working on it for 10 years.

Bill A. Ulery '59 and **Sherril Sanders Ulery '61**, Independence, Ore., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2007.

David E. Yoder '54, Pittsboro, N.C., was chosen by the Council for Allied Health to receive the Triangle Business Journal's Health Care Heroes Award for 2008. He received a Professional Excellence Award in the Allied Health Category at a dinner on March 27.

Bill R. Zuercher '58, Hesston, Kan., expanded his volunteer assignments to include ministry coordinator for South Central Mennonite Conference.

DEATHS

Stella M. Beals '54, Walnut Creek, Ohio, died Jan. 25.

Robert Cowerd, husband of **Ardis Kennel Cowerd '57**, 6510 W. Butler Drive, Unit 113, Glendale, AZ 85302, died April 19.

Kermit H. Derstine '57, husband of Sherilyn J. Derstine, 168 S. Monaco Parkway., Apt. B, Denver, CO 80224, died March 29.

Kamal Hanna '54, husband of Eleanor Hanna, 160 Marwood Road, Apt. 3017, Cabot, PA 16023, died March 10.

Audry Yoder Heatwole '56, wife of **Harold F. Heatwole '55**, 1800 Bonnibee Court, Raleigh, N.C. 27612, died March 6.

Aden H. Horst '55, husband of **Mary Edith Troyer Horst '50**, 373 Morgan Lane, Columbus, OH 43230, died March 13.

Rachel A. Driver Marshall '50, Goshen, died Feb. 1.

Clair S. Kauffman, husband of **Roselle Yoder Kauffman '57**, West Liberty, Ohio, died on March 4.

Ruby J. Kauffman '55, Englewood, Colo., died July 4, 2007.

Sophie DeVries Klerk '55, Murphys, Calif., died Feb. 5, 2007.

Thomas Landry, husband of **Carol Morse Landry '53**, P.O. Box 159, Folsom, LA 70437, died April 11.

Frances E. Lehman, wife of **Marion A. Lehman '57**, 1508 Sycamore Court, Goshen, IN 46526, died Dec. 28.

Wilbert G. Lind '52, husband of **Rhoda Hess Lind '54**, 1001 E. Oregon Road #40, Lititz, PA 17543, died March 6, 2007.

Allen Martin '51, husband of Ida Jo Martin, 17319 Ontario Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740, died March 20.

Jason S. Martin '59, husband of Mary F. Martin, 1801 Greencroft Blvd., Apt. 316, Goshen, IN 46526, died Dec. 3.

Mose Mast, husband of **Gladys Mumaw Mast '54**, 1404 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died Dec. 24.

Paul E. Mast '50, husband of Nila Mast, 27360 Charles St., Elkhart, IN 46517, died March 8.

J. Marvin Nafziger '51, husband of **Edith Swartzendruber Nafziger '48**, 1543 Dogwood Court, Goshen, IN 46526, died April 29.

Archie Penner '50, husband of Elvira Penner, 106-4525 Victoria Ave., Brandon, Manitoba, Canada R7B 4A6, died Nov. 29.

Bonnie Sommers Ratzlaff '54, Flagstaff, Ariz., died Jan. 12.

Clysta A. Richard '52, Des Moines, Iowa, died March 23.

Leon R. Schmucker '53, husband of **Joyce Mishler Schmucker '53**, 123 Christian Louis Court, Bloomington, IL 61701, died Jan. 15.

Dellis D. Schrock '56, husband of Twila Schrock, 1723 S. 9th St., Fargo, ND 58103, died Feb. 23.

Marvin W. Smith, husband of **Grace Schweitzer Smith '58**, 9952 W. 82nd Place, Arvada, CO 80005, died Nov. 19.

John J. Smoker '52, husband of Dorothy Smoker, 21 Kwahe Ridge Road, Santa Fe, NM 87506, died Dec. 6.

Phyllis Gresser Troyer '59, wife of **Willis D. Troyer '57**, 4360 Troyer Road, Smithville, OH 44677, died Dec. 24.

Lawrence Walsh, husband of **Joan Strauss Walsh '54**, 1425 Greencroft Drive, Apt. 128, Goshen, IN 46526, died March 7.

Earle W. Waltz '58, husband of Bonita Waltz, 65844 Tropicana Ave., Goshen, IN 46528, died April 14.

Harold A. Yoder '50, Goshen, died May 21.

John M. Yoder '53, husband of Bonnie Yoder, 4834 Galicia Way, Oceanside, CA 92056, died May 1.

Morrene Musser Yoder '57, Dalton, Ohio, died Jan. 1.

NEWS 1960-69

Rose M. Aschliman-Roth '68, Surprise, Ariz., was healed of breast cancer as of June 2007.

Dan F. Bodiker '64, Goshen, was selected to the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was honored at a banquet on Nov. 19 in Indianapolis and at Bethany Christian High School on Nov. 20.

Linda Burkhart Boyer '66, Petoskey, Mich., is retired and volunteers visiting residents at a nursing home, staying overnight at a homeless shelter two nights a month and babysitting for her grandchild.

Wanda Sundheimer Croft '63, Sugarcreek, Ohio, is parish nurse at Union Hill United Methodist Church, chair of the Board for Hospice of Tuscarawas, Inc., and adjunct faculty at Kent State University, Tuscarawas campus.

Ruth Holderman Davidhizar '68, Goshen, co-wrote a chapter, "Promoting Culturally-Appropriate Interventions Among Vulnerable Populations," in the 2007 *Annual Review of Nursing Research*. She also authored a chapter titled "Active Listening" in *Evidence-Based Nursing Care Guidelines Medical-Surgical Interventions* (Mosby/Elsevier, 2008) and "The Successful Nurse Scholar as Interdisciplinary Collaborator and Leader" in *Nurse Author and Editor* (December 2007).

Ivan D. Friesen '64, Henderson, Neb., is completing his Isaiah commentary in the *Believers Church Bible Commentary*.

Judy Schmell Gerber '67 and her husband John, Burlington, Vt., continue to live close to Lake Champlain. Judith is a psychologist.

Melvin D. Gerber '64, Willow Street, Pa., retired after 38 years of medical practice, primarily in physical medicine and rehabilitation and in electrodiagnostic medicine.

James L. Gingerich '66 and his wife, Molly Mayo Gingerich have settled in Albuquerque, N.M., following more than 30 years working overseas in agriculture and public health. James continues his involvement in agriculture as a director and board member for Shenandoah Growers Inc., a Virginia-based firm producing organic, culinary herbs for the mid-Atlantic market.

Bruce D. Glick '64, Millersburg, Ohio, retired on Oct. 1 from Mennonite Central Committee and is doing volunteer work locally. **Helen Liechty Glick '69** is the co-manager of MCC's Save and Serve Thrift Shop in Millersburg.

Ronald Guengerich '67, Goshen, began a term as pastoral team leader at Silverwood Mennonite Church in Goshen on Dec. 1.

Gary J. Harder '68, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, retired from full-time ministry after serving 19 years at Toronto United Mennonite Church. The church gave him a five-month partial sabbatical, during which he wrote *Dancing Through Thistles in Bare Feet* (Herald Press, 2008), a reflection on his 42 years as a pastor.

Fran J. Hassencahl '64, Chesapeake, Va., co-authored a chapter, "Televising 9/11 and Its Aftermath: The Framing of George W. Bush's Faith-Based Politics of Good and Evil," in *The Changing Face of Evil in Film and Television* (Rodopi, Amsterdam, 2007).

James E. Horsch '62, Goshen, was elected chair of the National Council of Churches' Committee on the Uniform Series (CUS). Since 1968 Horsch has served as editor for Mennonite Publishing Network.

Gordon J. Kauffman '63, Middlebury, Ind., retired from teaching at Northridge High School and works in sales at Alpha Building Center, Shipshewana, Ind.

Gerald W. Kaufman '61 and **L. Marlene Cender Kaufman '61**, Akron, Pa., retired from their counseling practice on Dec. 31. They founded Kaufman Counseling Associates in their home in 1980 and saw a wide variety of clients, including many Amish and other plain sect members. They are working on a third book.

Roy Kaufman '66, Freeman, S.D., and the church he serves as pastor, Salem Mennonite Church, received a Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Grant. Roy and his wife **Loretta Epp Kaufman '68** were on sabbatical January through April.

Adolf R. Loeffler '62 and **Eileen Zimmerly Loeffler '62**, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada, will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2.

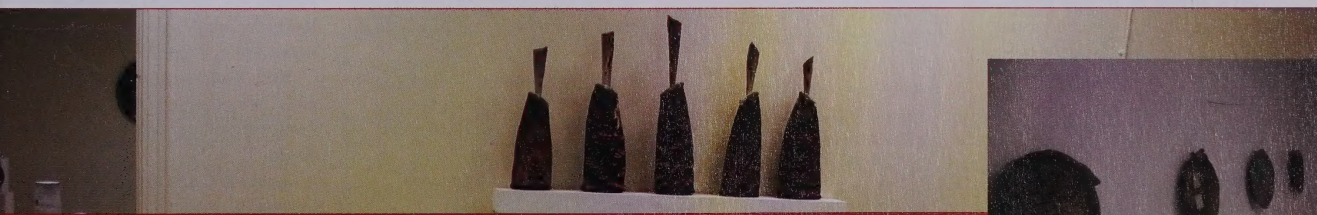
Mike Massanari '63 and **Lois Shetler Massanari '63** have retired and relocated to Lynden, Wash.

Don C. Miller '63, Goshen, retired after 30 years of teaching primarily high school and college math and is now working part time as a certified nurse assistant at Greencroft Retirement Community and as a host on call at Rieth, Rohrer, Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen. **Sylvia Steiner Miller '60** is retired after 20-plus years working in the multicultural and SST departments at Goshen College.

Lloyd L. Miller '67, Goshen, began working for Mutual Aid eXchange (MAX) as mutual aid minister and director of denominational relations on Oct. 1. Lloyd had served for 11 years as conference minister for Central District Conference (MC USA). **Joan Yoder Miller '68** continues her work as a spiritual director.

Paul E. Miller '69, Columbus, Ohio, provides a service called Inspired Living, which involves consulting in interior design/decorating using feng shui (eastern philosophy) principles. **Pat Stevens Miller '69** is pastor at Epworth United Methodist Church.

Dorrance D. Moshier '68, Brownville, N.Y., retired in 2004 after working for 34 years with social services in Lewis and Jefferson counties, including 22 years as an administrator (commissioner). Since then he has worked part time at a golf course and part time with marketing and planning in his wife's home-based business selling



ALUMNI POTTERS UNITE IN PITTSBURGH

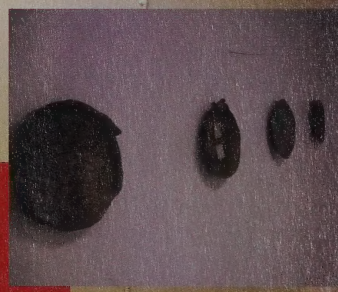
An impressive number of ceramic art by GC alumni and faculty was on display March 19-22 in Pittsburgh, Pa., during the annual National Council on the Education for the Ceramic Arts conference (NCECA). The 16 artists shared the city with an estimated 5,000 artists who attended the convention, making it the world's largest ceramic convention.

With more than 100 exhibitions at over 60 venues throughout the city, including the "Clay at Goshen College" exhibit at the Ellis Armory, the art from Goshen alumni was alongside some of the highest quality ceramic art in the world, and the GC artists did not disappoint.

"The exhibit was held at the Ellis Armory which was noted by many NCECA participants as one of the highlights of the conference," said Justin Rothshank '00, the curator for the Goshen College exhibit. "Hosting a concurrent exhibit during the conference is an honor."

Invited artists included: Professor Emeritus of Art Marvin Bartel, Fred Driver '75, David Gamber '83, Jane Graber '76, Keith Hershberger '94, Merrill Krabill '79, Lynn Lais '78, Dick Lehman '76, Chad Martin '98, Dennis Maust '76, Mark Nafziger '79, Lorene Nickel '72, Justin Rothshank '00, Greg Stahly '01, Layne Wyse '06 and Royce Yoder '76.

–By Tyler Falk '09



cruises.

Gloria Amstutz Nussbaum '61 and Curt Nussbaum, Kidron, Ohio, have volunteered in Guatemala City, Guatemala, at Semilla, an Anabaptist seminary owned by the Mennonites from Central America. For the past two years, they have spent six months there each year, helping with construction of a guesthouse and a private boarding middle school Alta Vera Paz among the Kekchi Mennonites.

Velma Miller Peck '69, Goshen, completed her 13th year as librarian at Orchard View Elementary, Middlebury, Ind.

Cindy Geiger Pergrem '69, Syracuse, Ind., is the director of marketing for Greencroft Communities, Goshen. She previously served as director of marketing and sales at the continuing care living community Grace Village in Winona Lake, Ind.

Kenneth W. Schmidt '64, Newton, Kan., retired March 31, 2006, and volunteers at the local homeless shelter and at the Et Cetera Shop, a Mennonite Central Committee thrift shop.

Brenda Short Shelby '66, Atlanta, Ga., is a caregiver for two of her grandchildren. She won the best of show wall quilt at the Georgia National Fair.

Denzel R. Short '60 and Merna Short, Livonia, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 21.

Jim A. Stemen '60, Westlake Village, Calif., retired in 2006 from teaching music for 37 years at Moorpark College. In March 2008 he retired from conducting the Los Robles Master Chorale for 30 years.

Colleen Rhodes Stoltzfus '65 retired from Steindler Orthopedic Clinic, Iowa City, Iowa, where she worked for 37 years. She and her husband John have moved to Goshen.

Dick E. Stuckey '66, Surprise, Ariz., received the American Phytopathological Society Outstanding Volunteer Award for his leadership, energy and dedication to APS over the past six years.

Marcia Mann Troup '69, Elkhart, Ind., works in accounts payable at FDC Graphic Films, Inc., South Bend, Ind.

Ted R. Walter '60 and **Arlene Peifer Walter '62**, Peachland, British Columbia, Canada, are both retired.

Becky Harvey Weddle '64, Fort Scott, Kan., retired in December 2007 but continues to teach adjunct classes in Spanish and English as a Second Language.

James R. Wenger '64, Baltimore, Md., retired on Dec. 31 as pastor at North Baltimore Mennonite Church and on March 1 accepted an interim assignment at Conestoga Mennonite Church in Morgantown, Pa.

Dorothy Peters Zimmerman '69, Beatrice, Neb., retired after working 39 years at what is now Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center. After serving as nursing director from 1969 to 1976, she worked as assistant administrator for patient services for 30 years. In 2006 she was named compliance and regulations officer.

In January and February, 16 friends and alumni of Goshen College spent a month together touring India. The group and tour were organized and led by **Bonnie Liechty King '65** and **Stan King '61**, and included Linda Esch Bontrager, **Harvey Hartzler '62**, Betty Hartzler, **John Keiser '61**, **Margie Schumacher Keiser '61**, **John J. Smith '61**, **Joann Yoder Smith '63**, Don Smith, **George Smucker '60**, Barbara Smucker, **Janneken Smucker '98**, **Rick Sieber '98**, **Mario Wenger '58** and **Anna Frances Z. Wenger (faculty '62-90)**. On their travels, they encountered the following alumni: **Dan Koop Liechty '88**, **Jill Koop Liechty '90**, **Peter Gaff '02**, **Fred Hostetler '67** and **Pyarelal J. Malagar '49**.

The group noted that in addition to tourist highlights and seeing where Stan and Bonnie King had lived and worked, they also joined their voices together on the tour bus to sing the Alma Mater.

DEATHS

Robert Delp, husband of **Gloria Stover Delp '67**, Rockhill Mennonite Community, 250 State Road, Apt. L32, Sellersville, PA 18960, died March 19.

John M. Eby '60, husband of **Ella Mae Landis Eby '61**, 32 Canterbury Drive, Pennsville, NJ 08070, died March 1.

Susann Bowsher Esmonde '60, wife of **Larry Esmonde '60**, 822 N. Jefferson St., Lima, OH 45801, died Jan. 4.

Jared Hess, 29-year-old son of **Hal Hess '65** and **Christine Schumacher '66**, Cincinnati, Ohio, died of leukemia after an 8 1/2 month illness on Jan. 25. He was married and the father of two boys. He was profiled in John Feinstein's book, *The Last Amateurs* (2001, Back Bay), written while he was a student and on the basketball team of Lehigh University.

J. Thomas Holcomb, husband of **Patricia Cosby Holcomb '62**, 302 Walnut Circle, Elkhart, IN 46517, died Nov. 8.

Roger Lewis, husband of **Margaret Pierce Lewis '69**, 825 Chislett St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206, died Jan. 15, of a brain aneurysm while in transit in Cairo on their return to work in the Middle East.

James C. Mendenhall, husband of **Margarett Clawson Mendenhall '69**, 70506 Sunrise Drive, Edwardsburg, MI 49112, died Dec. 25.

Michael L. Myers, husband of **Marilyn Miller Myers '64**, 123 N. 250 W., Morocco, IN 47963, died Feb. 5.

Mabel S. Miller '67, Wilmot, Ohio, died Feb. 1.

Jacob J. Peters '61, husband of Frieda Peters, 302 29 Roslyn Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3L 0G1, died Sept. 25.

Marlin E. Wenger '61, husband of Jane Wenger, 111 Eshelman Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, died April 26, after a two-year struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Ruth Lais Zehr '68, Goshen, died May 20.

NEWS 1970-74

Herman D. Bontrager '72, Akron, Pa., has been the president and chief executive officer of Goodville Mutual Casualty Co. in New Holland, Pa., since 1990.

Ruth Zehr Brancard '71, Denver, Colo., received her doctorate in educational leadership and innovation in May from the University of Colorado Denver. Her dissertation was titled "Negotiating Identities: Voices of Students in a Community College Developmental Education Program." She is currently one of three principal investigators for the federal-grant-funded ELA Professional Development Project at the University of Colorado Denver. The project is working to improve teaching in middle and high schools with high percentages of English language learners.

Kendra Crist Cross '70, Goshen, earned the use of the exclusive Mary Kay pink Cadillac through the Mary Kay Career Car Program for her career achievements with the company. This is her 15th Mary Kay career car.

Rosie J. Eash '72, Elkhart, Ind., has worked at Bristol Street Pediatrics for 19 years. She spent the last year writing her 91-year-old father's life story.

Stan K. Engle '73, Leo, Ind., was the winner in a competition for new hymn texts on baptism sponsored by Orange United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, N.C. His text, "Blessed Sign of Cleansing Waters," was selected from 54 submissions in the nation-wide hymn search.

Firman Gingerich '73, Perkasie, Pa., began as pastor of Blooming Glen Mennonite Church in September after serving as pastor of College Mennonite Church, Goshen, for almost 10 years.

Larry K. Heatwole '73 and Karen Furrow, Roanoke, Va., were married Oct. 14, 2006. Larry continues as president and consultant with Computer Works.

Beth Swanson Hower '73, Minnetonka, Minn., retired at the end of the 2007-08 school year after a 35-year career in education. For the past 11 years, she served as the Lower School Director of The Blake School, Hopkins, Minn.

David L. Huneryager '72, Millburn, N.J., is teaching and performing in New Jersey and New York. **Brenda Beechy Huneryager '73** is a reading recovery teacher in Montgomery Township School District.

Lowell J. Jantzi '70 and Ruth Jantzi, Peekskill, N.Y., completed five years as Mennonite Central Committee country representatives in Vietnam.

Nelda Stickel Johnson '72, Goshen, is office manager for the Wellness and Health Center and the Counseling Office at Goshen College.

Janelle G. Landis Kheshgi '72, Evanston, Ill., is coordinator of the community health registered nurse team at PCC Community Wellness Center in Oak Park after working part time for two years as a community health registered nurse and lactation consultant. The center provides support to the medically underserved residents of the west side of Chicago.

Robbin Mester Lang '70, Batavia, Ill., substitute teaches and volunteers full time with AFS Intercultural Programs.

Letha Miller Ressler '71 and her husband Willard, La Verne, Calif., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 7.

Vernon D. Rice '72, Strasburg, Pa., retired after teaching health and physical education and coaching soccer at Lancaster Mennonite School for 35 years.

Richard E. Roes '70, Brantingham, N.Y., is assistant vice president at Community Bank, N.A., Lowville, N.Y.

Dora Short '73, Apple Creek, Ohio, totally remodeled her childhood family residence.

Kathy Newcomer Springer '71, Saybrook, Ill., finished her 25th year of teaching Spanish at Blue Ridge High School, and **Keith Springer '69** continues to farm.

Gary L. Yordy '72, Anthem, Ariz., retired in 2000 after 21 years practicing medicine (pathology) in Wyoming and western Nebraska. In 1985 he also received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Wyoming and served terms in the Wyoming House of Representatives and Wyoming Senate. Since his retirement, he and his wife, **Sharl Zehr Yordy '70**, have lived in southern California, North Carolina and Arizona. He has published four genealogy books and four articles. They divide their time between their home in Anthem, Ariz., and a summer home in Pontiac, Ill.

DEATHS

Walter Hochstetler, husband of **Frances Zerger Hochstetler '73**, died Nov. 20 at Beech Grove Community, Nonington, England.

David E. Panyako '72, Lexington, Ky., died March 12, of a massive heart attack. David had been an English as a Second Language Resource Specialist for Fayette County Public Schools.

NEWS 1975-79

Zenebe Abebe '75 (faculty '92-03) was hired as founding vice president of equity and inclusion at Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wis. Previously he had been chief student affairs officer/dean of students at Fresno Pacific University.

Lorene Lehman Arnold '78, Fort Wayne, Ind., completed her doctor of nursing practice from Rush University in Chicago in December. Her doctoral project involved changing the educational delivery system within the School of Health Sciences at the University of Saint Francis to include simulated clinical experiences. She also presented information about the lab at the National League for Nursing Leadership Conference in January and at the Human Patient Simulator Networking Conference in February.

Philip A. Beachy '79, Stanford, Calif., was named the 2008 co-winner of the March of Dimes prize for developmental biology. It was presented on April 7.

LaMar E. Bender '75, Hesston, Kan., became unit manager of North and Memory Care units at Schowalter Villa in February 2007.

Lorel Schmidt Caldwell '77, Tucson, Ariz., is a certified diabetes nurse educator with the Carondelet Diabetes Care Centers at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Hospitals and Carondelet Medical Group physicians practice. She also is an independent certified insulin pump trainer for Medtronic and Animas.

Paul L. Conrad II '79, Goshen, works in woodworking and cabinetry at Dutch Mills Inc., Goshen. **Marti Liechty Conrad '85** continues to direct Healthy Babies, a division of Healthy Beginnings/MCH/WIC, which she began in 1989. She received her master of social work degree from Indiana University South Bend in 2006.

Dale M. Diener '78, Lyons, Kan., works as a physician assistant at the Lyons Medical Center.

Barb Stutzman Dietz '79, Jenison, Mich., is a business office representative for Advantage Health.

Kenneth L. Dietzel '78, Pigeon, Mich., is a public health nurse at the Huron County Health Department.

Hope Branscombe Graham '75, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada, taught a course at Kigali Health Institute, Rwanda, during the summer of 2007. She plans to spend her 2008-09 sabbatical year developing an HIV/AIDS project in the Northern Province in Sierra Leone.

Jeff G. Gundy '75, Bluffton, Ohio, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to lecture at the University of Salzburg (Austria) during the spring of 2008. Gundy is professor of English at Bluffton (Ohio) University.

Betsy E. Headrick McCrae '75, Lakewood, Colo., was installed and licensed as pastor of Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, Lakewood, on Sept. 23.

Ray E. Hershberger '75 and **Rosemary Buckwalter Hershberger '76** moved from Portland, Ore., to Coral Gables, Fla. Ray is professor of medicine and associate chief of cardiology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and continues his research in cardiovascular genetics.

Ruth Showalter Hochstetler '75, Goshen, is the circulation supervisor of the Good Library at Goshen College. In April she graduated with a bachelor of science degree in organizational leadership from Goshen College. **Kevin Hochsteler '81** works as service manager at Tri-State Compressed Air Systems.

Mark B. Jordan '74, Goshen, retired in June from teaching English 33 years at Fairfield High School.

Sherm W. Kauffman '77, Goshen, was installed as transitional pastor at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, Ohio, on Jan. 27.

Jon Kauffmann-Kennel '76, Elkhart, Ind., was named director of public and media relations for Greencroft Communities. He had served as communications instructor and general manager for the radio station at Eastern Mennonite University.

Joan E. Kreider '75, Saint Paul, Minn., is in her 14th year as an obstetrician/gynecologist with Health Partners. She recently took on additional responsibility as director of the OBGYN ultrasound department.

Jane Miller Leatherman '75, Goshen, was licensed toward ordination at East Goshen Mennonite Church on Oct. 28 for her ministry as a hospice chaplain. She works part time for Care at Home Hospice Services, a department of Goshen Health System. She also does spiritual direction and pastoral counseling.

Rita Kennel Lopienski '78, Bartlett, Ill., developed a drumming and vibration circle for senior citizens at nine Pathway senior living communities in Chicagoland. This unique and popular wellness program recently received the 2007 Industry Innovator Award from the International Council on Active Aging. Rita, a registered music therapist, leads the circle and is a certified activity director and Pathway's regional director of community life.

Eric W. Metzler '79, West Enfield, Maine, continues to work as a rural family physician.

Rich Meyer '79, Millersburg, Ind., serves with Christian Peacemaker Teams and does home repair and auto mechanics. **Brenda Hostetler Meyer '79** pastors at Benton Mennonite Church.

Calvin J. Miller '75 has worked in Rome, Italy, since July 2004 as senior officer of the Rural Finance Group of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Previously he worked for six years with Mennonite Central Committee, 15 years with Mennonite Economic Development Associates and then six years with CARE.

Diane Horst Miller '78, Goshen, is an administrative assistant for Silverwood Mennonite Church, Goshen.

Denise N. Pike '75 moved from Naperville, Ill., to Chicago at the end of February.

Sid A. Richard '76, Goshen, was chair of the pastoral search committee at Olive Mennonite Church, Elkhart.

Luke S. Roth '76, Eugene, Ore., retired after teaching 31 years at the International High School in Eugene. However, he hasn't retired from coaching high school girls basketball – he just finished his 24th year as head coach at Sheldon High School.

Larry R. Smith '76, London, Ky., a chiropractor, owns his business, The Back & Neck Chiropractic Treatment Center.

Don L. Tyson '79, Harrisonburg, Va., on a two-year sabbatical leave from Eastern Mennonite University, is a doctoral student at George Mason University in the nursing program. The focus of his study involves the experience of foreign nursing students and foreign nurses in the U.S.

Brent Weaver '79, Newberg, Ore., is associate professor of music at George Fox University where he teaches and coordinates the music theory and composition programs. A new work he composed for organ was premiered by Shirley Sprunger King at Goshen College Rieth Recital Hall on March 16.

DEATHS

Jan R. Reichenbach '77, Oak Island, N.C., died June 14, 2007.

Michael L. Schrock '76, husband of **Erin Geiser '79**, 4741 Blaisdell Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55419, died Feb. 25. He had recently merged his architecture firm with LSA Design Inc. to form Lasher

Schrock & Associates, specializing in transportation and education architecture.

NEWS 1980-84

Karen L. Boyer '83, Madison, Wis., worked as a professional costume designer for 10 years and then went back to school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed a bachelor of science degree in elementary education in December 2007.

Tim B. Brenneman '81, Tifton, Ga., professor of plant pathology at the University of Georgia, recently returned to Haiti where he was on SST in 1979 to initiate an agricultural development program.

Jon A. Ebersole '83, Oak Park, Ill., oversees 20 local offices across the country for Joni and Friends, a ministry equipping churches to bring the love of Jesus Christ to families affected by disability.

Marlin R. Good '83, Albuquerque, N.M., was installed as interim pastor of East Holbrook Mennonite Church, Cheraw, Colo., on Oct. 21 and licensed for ministry at Albuquerque Mennonite Church on Nov. 4.

Michele Schrock Hershberger '83, Hesston, Kan., **Laurie Oswald Robinson '83**, Hesston, Kan., and Carol Duerksen, Goessel, Kan., have teamed together to write *Now It Springs Up: Spiritual Insights for Every Day* (WillowSpring Downs, 2007), which offers fresh engaging reflections on daily Scripture readings that follow the rhythms of the Christian year.

Denise Schrock Hershman '84, Ligonier, Ind., is a registered nurse at Ligonier Elementary School.

Shari Leidig Holland '81, McKeesport, Pa., on the pastoral team at Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, continues to teach family practice residents in Pittsburgh.

Linda Graber Huber '84 and John Taylor, Muncie, Ind., were wed on May 12, 2007. Linda is in her 11th year of teaching in the department of elementary education at Ball State University.

Bob S. Kehr '81, Davis, Calif., is director of technology for the Davis Joint Unified School District.

Kris A. Long '83, Arvada, Colo., and her daughter Elena, 6, moved back to Colorado after living two years in the Pittsburgh area. Kris is a neonatal nurse practitioner at North Suburban Medical Center, Thornton.

Eric D. Mann '82, Scottsdale, Ariz., is medical director and chairman of the department of emergency medicine at Paradise Valley Hospital, Phoenix.

Elaine Horner Martin '82, Middlebury, Ind., is a financial counselor at Mennonite Mutual Aid, Goshen.

Patrice J. Mason '82, Kalamazoo, Mich., works from home as director of medical affairs for Essential Group, Inc., a contract research organization that conducts clinical trials for the pharmaceutical industry.

Ivan R. Mast '84, London, Ohio, owns and operates West Jefferson Plumbing & Heating. **Katie Yoder Mast '85** is a homemaker.

Ann E. Miller '81, Durham, N.C., is head of electronic resources and serials management in collection services at Duke University Libraries.

Phil K. Miller '80, Lawrenceville, Ga., completed his master's degree for physician assistant anesthetist at Emory University in August 2007. He now works as a physician assistant anesthetist at Emory Healthcare, where he has worked as a physician assistant since 1985.

Jon Nafziger '84, Crozet, Va., is vice president for Community Initiatives at the United Way, Thomas Jefferson Area, in Charlottesville, Va.

Kevin J. Sauder '82, Archbold, Ohio, is a board member of the Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADNet). Sauder is president and chief executive officer of Sauder Woodworking Company.

Joetta Handrich Schlabach '80, Saint Paul, Minn., is serving as interim pastor at Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis.

Saba L. Shami '81, Richmond, Va., was appointed on Jan. 11 by Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine as chief deputy of the department of professional and occupational regulation. Shami previously served in the department of agriculture and consumer services, the department of motor vehicles, and the offices of the secretary of agriculture and forestry and the secretary of commerce and trade.

Byron L. Shetler '83, Goshen, who has worked at Hertzler Systems Inc. for 24 years, is now vice president and chief technical officer. He has been on the Greencroft Retirement Communities board of directors since 1991 and has coached travel soccer teams for the past seven year.

Brad K. Sommer '80, Fort Wayne, Ind., is productivity leader for plants east of the Mississippi River for Bunge North America.

Tim J. Sprinkle '82, Scottdale, Pa., teaches fifth grade at Champion Christian School in Donegal, Pa., and also works in learning support.

Debbie Lampl Stoltzfus '80, Roann, Ind., is secretary of alumni relations at Manchester College.

Rodney Y. Stutzman '84 and **Barbara Yoder Stutzman '90**, Centennial, Colo., celebrated the birth of Annika Grace on Jan. 9. She joins Jenae, 10, Trevor, 7, and Levi, 4.

Joy D. Sutter '81, Perkasie, Pa., is executive director for Bux-Mont Oncology/Hematology Medical Associates, a large practice of medical oncologists providing cancer care in eastern Pennsylvania.

Ron J. Troyer '84, Mishawaka, Ind., works for The Troyer Group, their family business, and is a LEED accredited professional and licensed as a professional engineer in 12 states.

Chris S. Yoder '84 and Chia-Wei Wang, Washington, D.C., celebrated the birth of Noah Boyd Yoder on May 4, 2007. Chris works as director of finance at The Gerontological Society of America in Washington, D.C.

DEATHS

Julie A. Delagrange '82, Woodburn, Ind., died Oct. 30.

Samuel Hernandez '82, husband of Donna Hernandez, 142 Roxbury Park, Goshen, IN 46526, died Jan. 3.

Vaughn M. Moreno '82, husband of Susan Moreno, 400 E. Spring St., LaGrange, IN 46761, died Jan. 9.

NEWS 1985-89

Greg S. Beachey '86, New Paris, Ind., was recently named Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation South Bend Chefs and Cooks Association. He is teaching culinary arts at Elkhart Area Career Center where he also coaches culinary competitors. In the past three years, his students have won three individual state championships and two team state titles.

David A. Beachy '88, Goshen, is a case manager at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center, where he has worked for more than 17 years.

Beth R. Bontrager '85, Moundridge, Kan., is a library paraprofessional at Moundridge Middle School.

Jill Erb Bontrager '89 and Todd Bontrager, Wall Lake, Iowa, celebrated the birth of Sarah on July 26, 2007. She joins Josie, 6, and Mary, 3.

Julie Martin Burruss '89 and Dustin Burruss, Raleigh, N.C., celebrated the birth of Evan Alexander on March 28. He joins sister Kendall, 2.

Ken E. Eastman '86, Evergreen Park, Ill., completed his master of science in nursing degree from the University of Phoenix on June 16. He continues to work as charge nurse for weekends at Lincoln Park Hospital.

Leanne K. Farmwald '86, Elkhart, Ind., is director of marketing for Mennonite Mission Network. She previously worked for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary as a development associate.

Michael Groh '87, Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada, is a nurse anesthetist at Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe, Mich.

Jennifer D. Helmuth '86, Spokane, Wash., is assistant vice president and compliance manager of standards and project management for Wells Fargo. In 2007 she achieved project management professional (PMP) certification.

Todd A. Holsopple '88, Millersburg, Ind., director of trust and foundation administration services, was presented with the Mennonite Mutual Aid Trust/Foundation Representative of the Year Award in April.

Kathy Keener Shantz '87, Lancaster, Pa., was installed as associate pastor at James Street Mennonite Church in August 2007.

John W. Kolb '88 and Beata Krakus, Chicago, Ill., celebrated the birth of Oliver John on March 12. He joins Isabella, 2.

Berdine Mininger Leinbach '87, Souderton, Pa., teaches art full time in the Souderton Area School District. Her painting of the pond view of the Christopher Dock campus, "Approaching Autumn," is available in prints and note cards by contacting Berdine at berdineleinbach@verizon.net. **Steve L. Leinbach '89** began his own business, Leinbach Design, doing graphic design, marketing consulting and printing services.

Ted Love '89, Nappanee, Ind., is

employed by Goshen Community Schools to teach emotionally handicapped students at Oaklawn School at Oaklawn Hospital, Goshen. **Anne Reed Love '89** graduated with honors in the master of science in nursing program in May 2004 at the University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, and is employed full time by Goshen Health Systems as a family nurse practitioner in family practice.

Tim J. Oyer '85 and Joanne Oyer, Boston, Mass., celebrated the birth of Noah Thomas on Feb. 21. He joins John Michael, 4.

Jodie A. Peters '89, Saint Petersburg, Fla., is art director at Source Interlink Media, Tampa.

Lee W. Pfahler '89 and Karen Pfahler, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Isaac Lee on Jan. 1. He joins Miranda, 5.

LaRita Miller Robinson '85, Goshen, is a program analyst for Mennonite Mutual Aid.

Phil H. Rush '85, Goshen, Ind., was appointed by Mennonite Central Committee as resource generation network director to lead the organization's fundraising work in the U.S. and Canada. He began this position on a part-time basis in January and began full time in June after he concluded his work at Goshen College as an associate professor of business and information systems.

Marcy Leaman Sims '89 and Jeff Sims, Lancaster, Pa., celebrated the birth of Benjamin Eli on Oct. 19. He joins Henry, 4.

Arlene Hinckle Steffen '85, Fresno, Calif., teaches piano majors and piano pedagogy, directs the Women's Chorale and accompanies the Concert Choir at Fresno Pacific University. She also has a small home piano studio.

Donna J. Stoltzfus '86, Lancaster, Pa., is an assistant designer with Visual Merchandising at Ten Thousand Villages and also works as a free-lance writer.

Kerry L. Stutzman '88, Centennial, Colo., teaches parenting classes and is getting licensed as a marriage and family therapist.

Connie Frey Tempest '86 and Dr. Gerard "Roddy" Tempest, Jr., Chapel Hill, N.C., celebrated the birth of Caroline Lucille on Nov. 19. She joins Gerard "Gabriel" Francis Tempest III, 5.

Steve D. Voran '85 and Gwen Grasse, Boulder, Colo., celebrated the birth of Elleanna Grasse Voran on Jan. 9.

Jana Goering Wheeler '86 and David Wheeler, Osseo, Mich., celebrated the birth of Benjamin Micah on Sept. 17. He joins Jacob, 16, Joel, 13, and Hannah, 10.

Tom D. Yoder '86, Goshen, was promoted to vice president of engineering at Wieland Designs.

Sheila Yoder-Baer '87, Villa Ridge, Mo., was invited to present at the Missouri State Music Educators Conference in 2007 as well as the Kansas State Music Educators Conference in 2008. The presentation focused on ideas in the music classroom from K-6th grade by using five-gallon buckets (Bucket Drumming).

DEATH

Mary Beyeler Hertzler '87, Goshen, died Dec. 29.

NEWS 1990-94

Dean E. Ahlstaetter '94, Ada, Ohio, teaches class piano at Ohio Northern University and recently accepted a new position as the director of the piano preparatory program. He plans to complete a master's degree in music theory in the spring of 2009 from Bowling Green State University. On weekends, he plays piano and trombone in a jazz group from Toledo, Ohio, called Hepcat Revival.

Matt J. Baer '92 and **Jeanne Yordy '93**, Tucson, Ariz., celebrated the birth of Adele on Sept. 30. She joins Elias, 9. Josey, 4, died on April 20, 2008, of complications from spina bifada. Matt is supervisor for Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona, a nonprofit emergency home repair organization, and Jeanne is a homemaker and bookkeeper for the organization.

Kendal T. Bauman '90, Harrisonburg, Va., coaches boys' soccer at Eastern Mennonite High School; the team captured the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division I State Soccer Championship in November 2007. EMHS's record was 19-3-1.

Kerry J. Beck '91 and **MaryBeth Alderfer Beck '91**, and their three children moved from Lyme, N.H., to Archbold, Ohio, in September. Kerry accepted a job as assistant clinical manager at Harbor Behavioral Healthcare in Toledo, Ohio, and MaryBeth is a stay-at-home mom.

Sue Holst Beck '91 and Brad Beck, Jackson, Mich., celebrated the birth of Ethan James born on Nov. 27. He joins Ellery Kathryn, 4. Susan is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Jackson Pediatric Associates.

Susan A. Beck '94, Linville, Va,. was the main organizer of a seven-week series of trainings on organizational leadership based at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University. The seminar combined experts in conflict transformation and organizational leadership who offered practical tips to business leaders.

Myron E. Bontreger '91, Goshen, was inducted into Elkhart County Sports Hall of Fame Class for 2007 on Nov. 10.

Kym Lepley Brenner '91 and Levi Brenner, Massillon, Ohio, celebrated the

Clayton Kratz

Novel revives Clayton Kratz's legacy

Many alumni and current Goshen College students have undoubtedly spent significant time studying, sleeping – and even pulling a prank or two – in Kratz Residence Hall, without knowing the significance of the man behind the hall's name.

To keep Kratz's legacy alive, Judy Clemens '91 wrote the novel, *Lost Sons*, published in April by Herald Press. Kratz, a Goshen College student in the 1910s, put his promising college life on hold the summer before his senior year. The popular junior class president, who was engaged to be married, left for Russia in 1920 with two other men. On one of the first Mennonite Central Committee relief projects, the men distributed clothing and supplies to people of war-torn Russia. Two months into his trip, however, Kratz was arrested and never heard from again.

Clemens' novel, set in the present day, tells the story of Stan Windmere, whose son, a sailor in the U.S. Navy, goes missing in Russia. As he tries to solve the mystery of his son's disappearance, Stan learns the story of Clayton Kratz, and fears he may never see his son again.

Clemens said, "Kratz's willingness to go where the church called him, even knowing it could be the end of his college education – not to mention his life – is one we can learn from."

Learn more about the author at www.judyclemens.com.

–By Tyler Falk '09

birth of Andrew Michael on March 4. He joins twins Ashley and Allyson, almost 2.

Melinda Sorenson Butler '94, Post Falls, Idaho, completed her doctorate in curriculum and instruction in June 2007 at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. In September she moved to northwest Idaho, where she is teaching in the teacher education program at Lewis Clark State College.

Tom D. Chenier '91 and **Casey Cabral Chenier '91** and their two children will begin a one-year service assignment in August 2008 in Honduras and will serve at NPH, a Catholic children's home housing 600 orphaned children. Tom will be the information technology coordinator and Casey will work in clinics on site. Tom taught applied math and computer application courses as an adjunct professor for Bethel College's business students during the past year. Casey graduated from Malcolm X College in Chicago in June 2008 from their physician assistant program. In December she will also graduate from Saint Francis University, Loretto, Pa., with a master in medical science.

Suzanne R. Classen '94 and Ryan Loewer, Boulder, Colo., celebrated the birth of Iris Ruth Classen Loewer on June 29, 2007. She joins Olive, 4. Suzanne is an academic adviser at the University of Colorado, where she received a master's degree in counseling in 2005.

Cynthia L. Friesen Coyle '90 and James Coyle, Americus, Ga., celebrated the birth of Rebekah Catherine on Oct. 24.

Julie Sauder Crossgrove '94 and Trevor Crossgrove, Wauseon, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Tara Lynn on May 15, 2007. She joins Lindsey, 6, and Harley, 4.

Dan A. Diener '92 and Lynn Diener, Goshen, celebrated the birth of twins Daphne Almeda and Andrea Danae on April 4. They join Dylan, 3.

Kent Smith Dutchersmith '90, Goshen, was a recipient of the 2008 Teacher Creativity Fellowship grant funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., that enables teachers from all over Indiana to take time to pursue their own personal interests. Kent, who teaches music and English as a New Language at Chamberlain Elementary School, and his family traveled to Mexico for six weeks, learned about the culture by staying with a host family, studied the language and volunteered.

Gayle Alderfer Fisher '90 and Larry Alderfer Fisher, Harrisonburg, Va., began a four-year term on Aug. 1, 2007, as country representatives for Mennonite Central Committee in Bangladesh. They have two children, Faye, 7, and Annika, 5.

Kevin E. Frederick '92 and Beth Frederick, Pittsburgh, Pa., celebrated the birth of Colin Matthew on July 30, 2007. He joins sister Lia, 2. Kevin is the director of event technology at Presentation Services.

Ann M. Garber '93 and David Walter, Kenosha, Wis., were wed May 31. Ann is assistant news editor at *The Journal Times*, Racine, Wis.

Monte L. Hartman '94 and Toni Hartman, Wakarusa, Ind., celebrated the birth of Marli Joy on Feb. 12. She joins Taylor, 6, and Brady, 3.

Martin Hartmann '92, Kabwe, Zambia, took a new position as project manager with the BOCCS Aids Orphans Schools in Kabwe, Zambia, in May 2008.

Phil M. Horst '93, Astoria, N.Y., recently made his Metropolitan Opera dubut in Prokofiev's "The Gambler." Upcoming, he will perform as Tomsky in Tchaikovsky's "Pikovaya Dama" in Berlin and Mandryka in Strauss' "Arabella" in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Paul D. Housholder '93, Goshen, was recognized by both international (ISO) and national (ANSI) standards bodies for meeting the requirements of a "Certified Technology Specialist." Paul is the director of ITS Media at Goshen College.

Tim A. Kauffman '90, Westminster, Colo., is an assistant vice president at FirsTier Bank, Westminster. He also just completed seven years on the Westminster City Council. For the past four years, he was the Mayor Pro Tem from the Council. **Kim Stjernholm Kauffman '90** teaches kindergarten at Sheridan Green Elementary School.

Mark Kaufman '93 and **Heather Wengerd '93**, Minneapolis, Minn., celebrated the birth of Elias Alvin on Feb. 18.

Kevin J. Lehman '90, Middlebury, Vt., is a senior Web producer at Country Home Products, manufacturer of the Neuton battery-powered lawn mower and the DR brand of outdoor power equipment. He and his wife, Tanya, celebrated the birth of Asher Emmanuel on Sept. 25.

Angie Lewis '91 and Michael Yeomen, Bunker Hill, Ind., were wed on May 13, 2007. Angie is assistant director of training and compliance in the financial aid office at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Cindi Surgener Ly '90 and her husband Hung Ly, Bel Air, Md., opened a second Chick-fil-A restaurant in July 2007 in Parkville, Md.

Roger F. Martin '91 is a physician assistant at Fort Defiance (Ariz.) Hospital. **Joy Frey Martin '89** works for the hospital as a registered nurse in home based care.

Tim R. Martin '90, Browns Summit, N.C., completed a master of science, with membership in Phi Kappa Phi honor society, in teaching geoscience from Mississippi State University in August 2007. He teaches earth science at Greensboro (N.C.) Day School, an independent K-12 school.

Telissa Yoder Matos '94 and Raymond Matos, Rosamond, Calif., celebrated the birth of Venice Isabella on July 6, 2007. She joins Raymond, 6, and Giovanni, 4.

Scott E. McDowell '92, Elkhart, Ind., was promoted Jan. 1 from captain to battalion chief for the Goshen Fire Department. He also completed testing and received designation as a certified fire investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators, which is the highest level of certification in fire investigations.

Kristen Stoudt Meyer '92, Nashville, Tenn., received a master of divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Mich., in 2001 and is a specialized minister doing interim and church planting work in the Reformed Church in America.

Delmar M. Miller '94 and Suzanne McKenzie Miller, Arlington, Kan., celebrated the birth of Lucy Rose on Dec. 11. She joins Kathleen, 7, Elizabeth, 5, and Charles, 3. Delmar is a nephrology registered nurse in the outpatient dialysis unit of Srenius in Hutchinson, Kan. They also raise registered LaMancha dairy goats and about 100 meat goats.

Ed Miller '93 and Wanjira Hirst, Nairobi, Kenya, welcomed Makena Saiyo, their second daughter, born Jan. 2. She joins Leocadia, 2.

Jim P. Miller '93, Sarasota, Fla., is the president of JMX International, with offices in Sarasota, Fla.; Orleans, France; and Shanghai, China. JMX is an importer and e-commerce retailer.

Troy L. Miller '90, Nagoya, Japan, accepted a four-year position in April as a visiting lecturer at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies in Nisshin, Japan. He is teaching English as a foreign language in the Department of English and Contemporary Society. Troy has lived in Japan since 1991.

Gwendolyn Shank Myers '91 and Robert Myers, Congerville, Ill., celebrated the birth of Keegan Lee on Oct. 2. He joins Annika, 9, and Colton, 6.

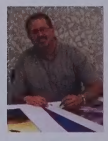
Rick R. Nussbaum '91 and Aphaphanh Nussbaum, Bluffton, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Sydney Elyse on Oct. 25, 2006. She joins Logan, 4.

Dana Emmitt Payton '93 and Chris Payton, South Bend, Ind., celebrated the birth of Taylor Elise on March 27.

Scott D. Reeser '94 and **Angie Wyse Reeser '97**, Madison, Wis., celebrated the birth of Mitchell Douglas Wyse Reeser on Feb. 29. He joins Nathan, 3.

Glen A. Rhodes '91, Arthur, Ill., was ordained as pastor at Arthur Mennonite Church on Sept. 30. He is working on his master of divinity degree at Lincoln (Ill.) Christian Seminary. **Rhonda Yoder Rhodes '90** teaches third grade at Arthur Elementary School.

Bradley T. Roth '91 and Aimee Roth, Archbold, Ohio, celebrated the birth of twins Evynn Claire and Avery Conner on Sept. 10.



Rob D. Ryan '90, Fishers, Ind., won first place in the mural art contest conducted by Hotel Indigo and the Fishers Arts Council. Ryan's digital photo of purple crocuses with yellow centers was enlarged to mural size and installed on May 10 on the front of the hotel for the next four years.

Jason T. Rychener '94 and Michelle Burkholder, Archbold, Ohio, were wed Feb. 23.

Thomas K. Shenk '94, Newark, N.J., is a consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in New York City.

Judy A. Clemens Smucker '91, Ottawa, Ohio, published *The Day Will Come* (Poisoned Pen Press, 2007), her fourth book in the Stella Crown mystery series.

Steve Clemens Smucker '91 is on the physical education faculty and coaches men's and women's soccer at Bluffton University.

Greg E. Stauffer '90 and Camille Stauffer, Broomfield, Colo., celebrated the birth of Jackson Earl on Dec. 11. He joins Olivia, 3.

Wendy Denny Stice '92, Colorado Springs, Colo., is a jewelry adviser for Lia Sophia Jewelry.

Brenda Wyse Summers '93, Goshen, teaches first grade at Concord East Side Elementary School, Elkhart.

Andrea L. Swartzendruber '94 and Ty Collins, Decatur, Ga., celebrated the birth of Eli Lowrey Collins on Nov. 23. Andrea has worked on HIV at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since 1999.

Kent T. Unruh '92 and Jeannette Lim, Seattle, Wash., celebrated the birth of Kai Kui-Lin on Feb. 24. She joins Corey, 3.

Tom R. Unzicker '91 and **Andrea Bontrager Unzicker '91**, Thorntown, Ind., celebrated the birth of Elena Marie on April 7. She joins Samuel, 3.

Stacy G. Vlasits '94 and **Jen Graber '95**, Wooster, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Sasha Marguerite on May 9. She joins Martin, 4. Stacy will teach grades 1-3 at the Montessori School of Wooster in the fall, and Jen teaches in the religious studies department at the College of Wooster.

Greg J. Walson '94, Stoneham, Mass., an electrical engineer intern at Vanderweil Engineers, completed his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Northwestern University in May 2007.

Kris Drolet Weaver '91, Elkhart, Ind., graduated from Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Mich., in July 2008, with a master of science in nursing degree and will sit for the family nurse practitioner exam in the fall.

Angela M. Wiens '93 and Bill Campbell, Washington, D.C., celebrated the birth of Rose-Neale Wiens Campbell on Oct. 18.

Lance S. Yoder '92, Pleasant Hill, Mio., works in internal communications at Cerner Corporation.

Shane D. Yoder '93, Bolingbrook, Ill., completed a master's degree in business administration in 2006 and is manager of the Distribution Center and Warehouse at Ltd Commodities LLC. **Waleska Nieves-Yoder '95** is a stay-at-home mom.

DEATH

Samuel Benkamin Kingsley, son of **Natasha Sawatsky-Kingsley '93** and **Aaron M. Sawatsky-Kingsley '97**, Goshen, was stillborn on July 15, 2007. They have a son, Terran Timateo, 3.

NEWS 1995-99

Chris R. Allman '97 and Elizabeth Carlson, Kansas City, Mo., celebrated the birth of Gilbert Richard on Nov. 7.

Rachael M. Baker-Christophel '97 and **Carl Baker-Christophel '97**, Chillicothe, Ill., celebrated the adoption of Tavi Richard on Oct. 17, who was born on Sept. 4, 2007. He joins Rebecca, 3, and Michael, 2.

Libby A. Baumgartner '98, Newton, Kan., is studying at Emporia (Kan.) State University in a two-year art therapy master's degree program.

Erin Gingerich Bennetts '97 and Scott Bennetts, Englewood, Colo., welcomed their daughter Ella Ann on July 30, 2007. Erin is a school-based therapist at Kepner Middle School, Denver.

Kim Kulp Birk '98 and Scott Birk, Wakarusa, Ind., celebrated the birth of Ryan Ray on Dec. 6. He joins Matthew, 4.

Mike S. Bodiker '96 and Jodi Opitz, Warsaw, Ind., were wed April 12. Michael is director of corporate accounting and reporting at Zimmer Inc., Warsaw.

Angie M. Birky Bohnert '99, Denver, Colo., graduated from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in May 2007 and works as public finance associate in tax-exempt bond work for governmental entities at Kutak Rock LLP, Denver. **Brian L. Bohnert '00** teaches social studies and is head coach of the boys' soccer program at Ralston Valley High School, Arvada. He received a James Madison Fellowship and in January began a master's degree in political science at the University of Colorado.

Thomas V. Bona '99, Rockford, Ill., and Deborah Bloom, Streamwood, Ill., were wed May 19, 2007. Thomas is a business reporter for the *Rockford Register Star* and BusinessRockford.com.

Linda Lemke Broaddus '95, Citrus Heights, Calif., is a nurse case manager for Sacramento County.

Amy Buckmaster '99 and Jon Keith Yoder, Goshen, were wed Oct. 6. Amy works part time on the Circle of Caring Birthplace at Goshen General Hospital and part time as a birth assistant at Goshen Birth Center with Fairhaven Physicians.

David Pimentel Chavarria '99, Indianapolis, Ind., a chiropractor, relocated to Indianapolis to partner with Prather Wellness Center.

Mark H. Cripe '95, Dublin, Ohio, began private practice in general surgery and breast surgery in July 2006 at Central Ohio Surgical Specialists after completing a general surgery residency in July 2005 and a breast surgery fellowship in July 2006. He is also an associate clinical professor of surgery at Ohio University. **Katy Fergusson Cripe '94** is a stay-at-home mom.

Jill D. Crossgrove '95 and Chuck Murillo, Archbold, Ohio, were wed July 5. Jill works as a registered dietitian at Fulton County Health Center.

Chris M. Cummings '96 and **Megan Miller '97**, Madison, Wis., celebrated the birth of Kalea Joy on Jan. 26. Chris teaches English at Middleton High School and Megan is a school social worker at Elvehjem Elementary School, as well as a massage therapist.

Erin Martin Eddy '95, Goshen, works at Navarre Pediatric Group in South Bend, as a family nurse practitioner. She received her master's degree and FNP at Valparaiso University in May 2004.

Amal Friesen Farrough '96 and Peter Farrough, South Bend, Ind., celebrated the birth of Ella Louise on Feb. 21.

Adam G. Fleming '97 and **Megan Heisey Fleming '02**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Benjamin Finn on May 7. He joins Timothy, 5, and Jonathan, 3.

P. Michael Freed '98, Atlanta, Ga., graduated magna cum laude from Georgia State University College of Law in 2006 with his juris doctorate and works as an attorney with McKenna Long & Aldridge. While in law school, Michael served as editor-in-chief of the *Georgia State University Law Review* and interned for the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

Josh J. Fletcher '99 and Ashley Fletcher, Middlebury, Ind., celebrated the birth of Cora May on Jan. 9.

Amber Friesen '99, Philadelphia, Pa., is a senior project manager for Digitas Health.

Sarah Gammell Matthews '96 and Steve Matthews, Vancouver, Wash., celebrated the birth of Isla Mae on Sept. 9. Sarah is a senior research assistant at Oregon Health & Science University.

Dustin T. George-Miller '98 and **Rachel George-Miller '00**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Levi Trennis on March 20. He joins Norah Catherine, 3.

Shawn M. Gerber '99, Goshen, began serving as director of spiritual care at Goshen General Hospital. **Rachel Springer Gerber '00** is the apartment manager at Goshen College.

Sue M. Gerber '98, Rochester, Minn., received a medical doctorate in May from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pa. In June, Susan and her husband David Krueger moved to Rochester, Minn., where Susan began a three-year internal medicine residency at Mayo Clinic.

Linda M. Gerber-Stellingwerf '96, Goshen, was promoted to director of programs at Fourth Freedom Forum. She is responsible for the administrative oversight of operations and for the direction of research projects.

Chris J. Good '99, Elkhart, Ind., is corporate controller at Bennington Marine.

Jenny Sommers Graber '98, Goshen, is a stay-at-home mom and home schools her son.

Anthony W. Hartzler '97 and **Lisa Beachy '97**, San Antonio, Texas, celebrated the birth of Lucy Violet Hartzler-Beachy on Nov. 22. Anthony completed his residency in internal medicine in June 2007 and is now doing a fellowship in infectious diseases at the University of Texas Health Center, San Antonio. Lisa works in the Ahuja research lab also at the UT Health Science Center studying the genetic aspects of HIV pathogenesis.

Bruce E. Headings '99 and **Rachel Smith Headings '00**, LaCrosse, Wis., celebrated the birth of Ethan Cole on Sept. 29.

Scott M. Hochstetler '95 and **Rachel Hostetler '95**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Leah Hochstetler on July 20, 2007. Scott completed his doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting from Michigan State University in May.

Bess Briggs Hodges '98, Goshen, completed the principal's licensure program at Indiana Wesleyan University in June and obtained her license in K-12 administration. Bess and her husband, Wil Hodges, celebrated the birth of Berkley Reese on Nov. 27. She joins Hannah and Mamie, 7,

and Heidi, 5.

Joel D. Holsopple '99 and Sarah Holsopple, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Matthew Joel on Jan. 28. He joins Luke, 2. A fourth-grade teacher at Chamberlain Elementary, Joel completed a master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan in August 2006.

Matt K. Kanagy '98, Perkasie, Pa., is owner of Kanagy Timber Frames and works on historic buildings in southeastern Pa. **Joann Hunsberger '98** is a medical student at Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pa. She is also choir director at Souderton Mennonite Church.

Dale E. King '95 and **Marcela Shank King '95**, Pittsburgh, Pa., celebrated the birth of Penelope on Jan. 14. She joins Thalia, 6, and Lucia, 3. Dale is chief resident at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and in July began a pediatric gastroenterology fellowship.

Marvin L. Klassen '96 and Emily Li, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, were wed on Sept. 29. Marvin continues to practice in Vancouver as a sole practitioner in the areas of refugee and immigration law and also handles criminal and civil matters.

Lisa K. Koop '99 and Breck Herber, Chicago, Ill., celebrated the birth of Eliza Koop Herber on Nov. 6.

Cheri L. Krause '98, lives and volunteers in Auroville, South India, where she is working at uniting her passion for compassionate communication with conflict mediation.

David B. Lapp '96 and **Amy Hochstetler '95**., celebrated the birth of Oliver Wayne on Feb. 29. He joins Maggie, 5, and Edwin, 3.

Gina Leichty '95, Goshen, is vice president of Downtown Goshen Inc. and coordinator of First Fridays, an ongoing entertainment event which takes place each month in downtown Goshen.

Jason P. Lichti '95 began serving as program director for Amigo Centre in Sturgis, Mich., in February. He previously coordinated children's and youth activities for Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mount Pleasant, Pa.

Jessica Mumaw Mast '97 and Craig Mast, Topeka, Ind., celebrated the birth of Miley Grace on Jan. 7. She joins Hannah, 7, and Hallie, 5.

Melissa Allebach Mast '96 and Marcelo Mast, Lansdale, Pa., celebrated the birth of Matthew Merrill on Dec. 27. He joins Micah, 3.

Janette Ulery Metzler '99 and Scott Metzler, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Gavin Forest on March 3. He joins Gweneal, 3.

Lana R. Miller '98, Harrisonburg, Va., completed her master's of divinity degree with a concentration in spiritual formation in May 2007. She was interim campus pastor at Eastern Mennonite University during the 2007-08 academic year.

Ryan L. Miller '95, Goshen, continues to work in the communications department for Mennonite Mission Network. **Lisa Miller '97** works as a nurse in the Circle of Caring Birthplace at Goshen General Hospital and at the Goshen Birth Center.

Sam P. Miller '96 and Meghan Miller, Goshen, celebrated the birth of twins Baylor Matthew and Xavier Paul on March 24. They join Eva, 11, and Jaxon, 3.

Shane D. Miller '99 and Nichole Miller, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Clay Davis on Feb. 27.

Tina R. Miller '96 and Brad Yeater, Goshen, were wed on March 29. Tina taught third grade at Jefferson Elementary School for seven years and now is an independent consultant for Arbonne International.

Anita Barahona Oliver '96 (staff '97-99), her husband **David Oliver '95**, and her brother **Rafael Barahona '01**, Charlottesville, Va., form the band Bridgeland, formerly known in Goshen as Raices and Radiant.

Chad M. Ramer '96 and **Christine Short Ramer '96**, Wakarusa, Ind., celebrated the birth of Amelia Christine on March 19. She joins Brett Matthew, 5.

Sam C. Reschly '99 and **Jeanna Baus Reschly '01**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Alex Marie on Dec. 20. She joins Brock, 3.

Lori Schmoyer Reyes '97, Elkhart, Ind., completed a master's degree in education with a specialization in reading and literacy at Walden University in September. She teaches kindergarten at Monger Elementary School, Elkhart.

James L. Rodman '98 and Erin Hartzler, Indianapolis, Ind., were wed March 8. James received his master's degree in 2003 from the University of Colorado, Denver, and is a student at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., pursuing his doctorate in education technology. He currently works as an educational information systems design specialist for the Indiana Department of Education.

Christina M. Rhodes '95, Olathe, Kan., and John E. Kopina, Jr., Overland Park, Kan., were married April 21, 2007. Christina is production manager at TriStar Publishing, Overland Park.

David G. Roth '98, Philadelphia, Pa., started a job in January as the director of admissions at Girlspace, a residential treatment center for adolescent girls. He also has a private psychotherapy practice.

Jason Yoder Rupp '99 and **Tonya Yoder Rupp '00**, Harrisonburg, Va., celebrated the birth of Caitlin Hope on Feb. 29.

Rick J. Rupp '97 and Jen Rupp, Middlebury, Ind., celebrated the birth of Ella Grace on May 2. She joins JD, 2. Rick works in sales at Big C Lumber.

Christine E. Kaufman Schweitzer '97 and Brad Schweitzer, Hesston, Kan., celebrated the birth of Rianna Catherine Schweitzer on Nov. 1.

Ross L. Springer '98 and **Amy Nafziger Springer '98**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Brett Roger on March 14. He joins Allie, 4, and Wade, 2.

Ryan M. Stauffer '96 and Caitlin Stauffer, Denver, Colo., celebrated the birth of Larkin Ryan on April 11.

Steve J. Schrag '95, Souderton, Pa., is middle school principal at Penn View Christian School and is working on his master's of education degree at Penn State University. **Meghan Frankenfield Schrag '95** works for Penn Foundation in the family based unit providing in-home family therapy services.

Joel A. Short '98 and Karen Short, Smithville, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Emma Elizabeth on March 31, 2007. She joins Evan, 3.

Becca L. Smucker '99, Seattle, Wash., completed a juris doctorate in 2006. She passed the Washington state bar exam and was admitted to the bar in 2007.

Phil Smucker '97 and **Jessica Yoder Smucker '99**, Indianapolis, Ind., celebrated the birth of Sasha Larie on Jan. 6.

Ben P. Snyder '98 and **Angela Snyder**, New Paris, Ind., celebrated the birth of Anthony Ray on Feb. 9. He joins Alan, 5, and Alison, 4. Ben works as director of A Pastor's Friend, a nonprofit teaching and prayer ministry to help pastors.

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Rick Stjernholm '99 and **Angie Steiner Stjernholm '99**, Canton, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Saralyn Marie on Dec. 11. She joins Nathan, 4. Rick graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in June 2006 and is in a general surgery residency program at Affinity Medical Center in Massillon, Ohio.

Jim C. Strouse '99, New York, N.Y., was recognized for his movie, *Grace is Gone*, which was selected by David Edelstein on National Public Radio as one of the Top 10 Films of 2007.

Jared F. Stuckey '96 and Carol Michael Stuckey, Newton Highlands, Mass., welcomed the birth of Lucas Alexander on Nov. 17.

Deidre L. Summerton-Bias '95 and Marc Baker, Elkhart, Ind., were wed on Dec. 29.

Tonya Dewart Temple '99 and Dan Temple, Milford, Ind., celebrated the birth of Aidan Daniel on Jan. 4.

Amy E. Thut '99, Goshen, was named the Conservation Teacher of the Year by the Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District. She teaches biology and environmental science at Bethany Christian High School.

Shanon Beyer Troyer '99 and Aaron Troyer, Eureka, IL., celebrated the birth of Gavin Ricky on Feb. 1. He joins Brody, 19 months.

Jeff M. Vardaman '97 and Janet Vardaman, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Jovie Shea on Nov. 2.

Charlotta Weaver '99, Chicago, Ill., completed her residency in June and started working as a hospitalist in internal medicine on July 1 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, primarily working with cancer patients.

Christina Yoder Weber '98, Dillsburg, Pa., is the art director at Messiah College. **Justin G. Weber '99** is an attorney specializing in commercial litigation with Pepper Hamilton, LLP. They have two boys, Reid, 5, and Garrett, 3.

Greg J. Yoder '97 and Sarah Yoder, Iowa City, Iowa, celebrated the birth of

Ethan Joseph on Dec. 21. He joins Norah, 3. Greg is a high school guidance counselor at City High School.

DEATH

Connie Cornell Heineman '95, wife of Karl Heineman, 56853 Ramble Wood Lane, Elkhart, IN 46516, died May 16.

NEWS 2000

Clint Borntrager, Goshen, coaches track and teaches physical education at Northridge High School. **Liz Miller Borntrager '01** is branch manager of the Middlebury office of Elkhart County Farm Bureau Credit Union.

Craig L. Christophel, Colorado Springs, Colo., is working on a master's degree in public administration at the University of Colorado Graduate School.

David A. Chupp and **Sara Rhodes Chupp '01**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Adrienne Grace on Feb. 5. She joins Morgan, 2.

Bradley L. Cullen, Glendale, Ariz., is working on his master of business administration degree at Thunderbird School of Global Management, Phoenix.

Tim N. Godshall and his wife Virginia Showalter, Linville, Va., taught English as a second language to refugees at Jubilee Partners Community near Athens, Ga., from January to May 2008.

Jason E. Harrison (administrative faculty '05-07) and **Rhiannon Checchio Harrison '01**, Cassopolis, Mich., celebrated the birth of Mariella Rose on March 3. Jason began working as program director at Camp Friedenswald in September 2007. Rhiannon has been teaching at Elkhart Central High School for six years and was selected as Teacher of the Year by her peers.

Nikki R. KandeLind, Denver, Colo., works for Kaiser Permanente as a registered nurse specializing in patient education and health coaching for prevention of coronary artery disease. On weekends, she played the role of a dancing sugarbowl in a local production of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." **Steve KandeLind '01** celebrated his one-year anniversary as transportation drainage engineer at DMJM Harris, an engineering firm, after earning his master's degree in civil engineering at Colorado University Denver in May 2006.

Sidney R. King, Chapel Hill, N.C., was selected as a recipient of the 22nd Don and Gee Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for his script "Kalona." There were five winning scripts chosen from 5,050 submissions. The first of the prestigious $30,000 prize was distributed at a gala dinner in Beverly Hills on Nov. 15. During the fellowship year, King will work on completing a feature-length screenplay from the script.

Jonathan Kooker, Washington, D.C., received his juris doctorate degree from Georgetown University Law Center in May. He had an article on negotiations and mediation strategies published in the second annual edition of the *American Journal of Mediation* in June.

Deana R. Landis-Smith, Haverhill, Mass., received the prestigious annual Diamond Award for 2007, which is granted to employees who consistently demonstrate superior performance and have made outstanding contributions to Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates through their commitment to their customers, community and work environment.

Zach J. Landis Lewis, Pittsburgh, Pa., began studies for a doctorate degree in medical informatics at the University of Pittsburgh. **Deborah Landis Lewis** completed her doctor of medicine degree in May 2007 from Pittsburgh University and is doing her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Brooke Nunemaker Martin and Joel Martin, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Lauryn Ann on Feb. 4. She joins Taylor, 5, Bryce, 4, and Madison, 2.

Dawn King Mast and Tony Mast, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Isaac Galen on Nov. 4. He joins Noah, 3. Dawn is a stay-at-home mom.

Mike C. McHugh, Goshen, was recognized by both international (ISO) and national (ANSI) standards bodies for meeting the requirements of a "Certified Technology Specialist." Mike is a member of ITS Media at Goshen College.

Liz J. Steggall-Lewis and Andrew Steggall-Lewis, Maugenhard, Germany, celebrated the birth of Simon Pierre on June 4, 2007.

Michael J. Yoder and Ruth Miller-Yoder, Pittsburgh, Pa., celebrated the birth of James Michael on April 19. Michael continues to teach history and Spanish to high school students at a charter school in downtown Pittsburgh.

Brenda Brown Yost and Eric Yost, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Maisy Jean on April 23.

NEWS 2001

Melody Bennett, Madison, Wis., and Joseph Leung, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, were wed in July 2006. Melody is a French teacher at DeForest High School. She graduated with a master's degree in French from Bowling Green State University in 2003.

Rachel M. Glick, Long Island City, N.Y., graduated from New York University in May 2007 with a master of science in nursing degree in adult/primary care nurse practitioner. She works with the cardiology team at Beth Israel Medical Center as a nurse practitioner.

Corey Draper Hampton taught first grade in Winston-Salem, N.C., until she married Erick Hampton in 2003. They and their children now live in Newport News, Va

Jackie R. Hathaway, Gaithersburg, Md., teaches ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) in grades 1-5 at a Title 1 school in the Montgomery County Public Schools.

Nick R. Johnson, South Bend, Ind., is manager of marketing and communications at Dometic Corporation, Elkhart.

Natalee P. Lewis, Needham, Ind., teaches social studies at Whiteland Community High School and is an assistant coach for softball and volleyball.

Carrie S. Meyers, Cambridge, Mass., received her juris doctorate on June 5 from Harvard Law School. In August 2008, she will receive her master of arts degree in law and diplomacy (international relations) with concentrations in China and development economics from The Fletcher School at Tufts University. Carrie and **Eliot Friesen '02**, who taught English as an adjunct professor at Northeastern University, are moving to Newport Beach, Calif., in August. Carrie will be clerking for a federal judge in Orange County for one year.

Jon N. Otto, Kanagawa Sagamihara, Japan, works as a bilingual teacher for the Sagamihara Board of Education.

Rahul S. Sahni, Waltham, Mass., is enrolled full time in the two-year master of business administration program at Babson College, Babson Park. This summer he is interning with the market intelligence area at IBM at their headquarters in Armonk, N.Y.

Anna Liechty Sawatzky and Joe Liechty Sawatzky, Mthatha, South Africa, celebrated the birth of Levi on Nov. 4. He joins Isaac, 5, and Moses, 3. Anna and Joe work with Mennonite Mission Network in biblical education, leadership training and capacity building. They are also learning the Xhosa language.

Chaim E. McKain and Ashlee Wilkins, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated the birth of Micah Elon on Jan. 29. He joins Mileah, 1.

Lisa Sauder Milanese and Dan Milanese, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Joseph Anthony on Oct. 4.

Angela J. Oetama and Jacob Paul, Detroit, Mich., were wed on Aug. 18, 2007. Angela completed her master of social work degree in 2004 at the University of Michigan.

Scott R. Poe, La Porte, Ind., is warehouse manager at United States Steel and **Kellie Keen Poe** is human resources employee recruiter for LaPorte Regional Health System.

Rachel E. Smith, New York, N.Y., joined violinist Amy Kauffman and composer and pianist Francesco Leece-Chong to present "Music from New York," a concert of classical music and opera at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster on May 31, to support Menno House, which provides affordable community housing to volunteers, students and nonprofit workers in New York City. Rachel, a current resident at Menno House, performed this past season with the Bronx Opera and studied in Germany on a scholarship in June.

Todd M. Sommers, Indianapolis, Ind., was promoted to associate investment adviser with JPMorgan Private Client Services in Indianapolis.

John W. Strickland and **Kristi Miller Strickland '04**, Crawfordsville, Ind., celebrated the birth of Ally Jo on Nov. 26. John completed his seventh year of teaching at Joseph F. Tuttle Middle School, Crawfordsville, where he teaches sixth and eighth grade social studies, coaches seventh grade boys' basketball and middle school football and is the middle school athletic director. He is also working on his

master's degree in school administration and working towards his principal's license at Indiana State University. Kristi is the creative services manager for the paper of Montgomery County and has coached seventh grade volleyball at Tuttle Middle School for several years.

Samela Tihic-Kapetanovic, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, is a customer care associate for East Region of USA at GE Water & Process Technologies.

NEWS 2002

Kurtis L. Baumgartner, Noblesville, Ind., is a resource development specialist for Hamilton County and was responsible for raising $1,700,000 in grant funding in 2007.

Audra R. Bechtel, Indianapolis, Ind., is employed by Experian as a business analyst.

Heidi J. Birky Goldman and Andrew Goldman, Indianapolis, Ind., celebrated the birth of Jack Andrew on March 6. Heidi celebrated the publishing of her first fully-illustrated children's book with *Lily and the Big Italian Wedding* (The Culture Connection, 2008). The publisher donates part of all proceeds to women's and children's charities. She illustrated another book, *Olivia Decker and the City Above the Clouds* (Novel Enterprises), by Amanda Devine.

Reuben D. Budiardja, Knoxville, Tenn., continues to work on his doctoral degree at the University of Tennessee and has a research assistantship in computational astrophysics.

Arief Christoph is a business analyst at Standard Charter Bank in Indonesia.

Arthur Christoph, Chicago, Ill., completed his master's degree in computer science in June 2003 at the University of Chicago and works as a software engineer at Cancer Research Center at the University of Chicago.

Seth E. Combs and **Hannah Derstine Combs '03**, Bluffton, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Oliver Matthew on Oct. 31. He joins Milo, 2.

Daniel S. Cruz, DeKalb, Ill., completed his master of arts degree in British and American English Literature at Northern Illinois University in May 2006 and is pursuing his doctorate in the same subject at NIU. He is currently a teaching assistant in freshman composition. **Erin Coleman-Cruz** completed her master of fine arts degree in studio art (sculpture), also at Northern Illinois University in May. She co-curated and exhibited in "pile-up: niu. mfa.2008," a group exhibition at Chicago Arts District Special Exhibitions from May 3-30, 2008.

Angela R. Garber, Goshen, works as a residential services support associate for the five residential units at Oaklawn.

Joel Jimenez, Nashville, Tenn., works in the music business engineering and playing bass for different artists. During the spring he was a been road manager, engineer and bass player for guitar legend Phil Keaggy.

Annie J. Mininger, Goshen, graduated from Kalamazoo Center for the Healing Arts in April 2007 and is working part time as a massage therapist at Salon Ten-O-Five. She also works full time at Maple City Market.

Joel L. Nofziger and **Rachel Bontrager Nofziger '07**, Ann Arbor, Mich., continue working as registered nurses at the University of Michigan Hospitals. Joel works in psychiatry and Rachel in pediatric hematology and oncology.

Rustin W. Nyce and **Kimberly Lichty-Nyce '01**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Roman Wynne Nyce on Feb. 11.

Derrick D. Ramer and Michelle Ramer, Nappanee, Ind., celebrated the birth of Dominic Devon on April 23.

Beth J. Ropp, Tremont, Ill., was hired to open and run a new boutique, A Beautiful You, at the Methodist Medical Center's Breast Health Center.

Rachel M. Ruark and Jaime Larios, Lancaster, Pa., celebrated the birth of Annabella Maya on Jan 21.

Kristin Rusk and Tim Rhodes, Kansas City, Kan., were wed Aug. 4. Kristin works as a paraeducator and also coaches junior varsity volleyball and freshmen girls' basketball at Turner High School.

Adam M. Tice was licensed and installed as associate pastor at Hyattsville (Md.) Mennonite Church on Nov. 11.

Kent J. Yoder, Goshen, is a student at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary; in January, he did research at the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland.

NEWS 2003

Jamie Pressler Bissell, Valparaiso, Ind., graduated with a juris doctorate from Valparaiso University on May 17 and started working in the law office of Margaret Barton in Livonia, Mich., in August.

Jeremy R. Entz and **Stephanie Miller Entz '02**, Newton, Kan., celebrated the birth of Abigail Grace on March 9. Jeremy currently is farming full time. Stephanie graduated from Wichita State University in August 2005 with a master's degree in physical therapy and works in geriatric rehabilitation.

Moriah J. Hurst, Ephrata, Pa., completed her master of divinity degree with a concentration in youth ministry

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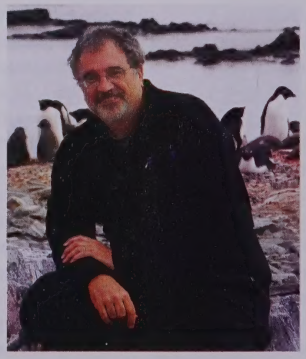


He got his start in his backyard as a boy, but Dr. David Denlinger '67 now studies interesting bugs in interesting places as professor of entomology at Ohio State University.

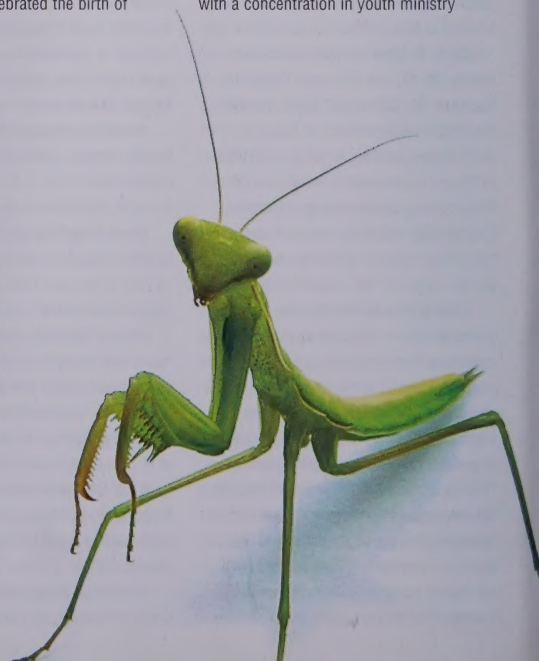
Denlinger, who earned a doctorate degree from the University of Illinois in 1971, has been studying insects for more than 30 years and has traveled from Kenya to Panama and most recently to Antarctica. His research has focused on studying the genes that allow certain insects to lay dormant for up to nine months a year and the environmental elements that allow such insects to survive.

Denlinger says that he was like many young boys interested in bugs, but his passion didn't fade with age. "Some of us grow up and keep those interests."

In 2004, Denlinger was recognized for his work by the National Academy of Sciences and was elected into membership. The recognition is one of the most prestigious for a U.S. scientist.

As Denlinger plans trips to study these insects in their natural environments, he continues his research at Ohio State University. The advances in technology, and especially the advances in molecular biology, have allowed entomologists to study the genes that certain bugs rely on to survive in harsh environments.

–Luke Nofsinger '09



from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary this summer. She will move back to Australia to work for a church and intentional community project with Mennonite Mission Network.

Aaron C. Liechty, Denver, Colo., does free-lance graphic design and works in a bookstore.

Matt L. Miller and Courtney Miller, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Gideon Lee on Dec. 14. Matt teaches middle school math at Bethany Christian Schools and pastors Exodus Community Church.

Merlin W. Miller and Heidi Miller, White Pigeon, Mich., celebrated the birth of Laura Ann on Nov. 19. Merlin works half time managing accounting and technology at Shipshe Casuals (family business) and half time as associate pastor at Riverview Mennonite Church, White Pigeon.

Laura Regier Myers and **Greg Myers '04**, Newton, Kan., celebrated the birth of Luke Benjamin on March 3. Laura graduated from Indiana University South Bend in December 2006 with honors and a bachelor of science in nursing degree and works as a registered nurse at Newton Medical Center. Greg works in construction for Preferred Builders, Hesston.

Matt R. Plank, Cedar City, Utah, works logistics for RedCliff Ascent, a wilderness therapy program.

Mandy D. Schmidt, South Bend, Ind., graduated with her doctor of medicine degree in May 2008 from Indiana University School of Medicine and started her family medicine residency at Memorial Hospital in South Bend in July.

Salissa Schrock and Justin E. Young were wed April 12. Salissa is employed as a hair stylist in Tampa, Fla.

Stephanie Short, Granger, Ind., teaches U.S. and world history at Elkhart Memorial High School.

Sara E. Sowles-Bradford and Brad Sowles, New Paris, Ind., celebrated the birth of Owen Bradley on March 1.

Karl N. Stutzman and Twila Epp Stutzman, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated the birth of Silas John Epp Stutzman on Feb. 15. After working in the Good Library at Goshen College for four years, Karl will begin working as interim librarian for acquisitions and access services on Aug. 18 at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Hannah Osborne Troyer and Marty Troyer, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated the birth of Malaki Osborne Troyer on Sept. 12.

Chris C. Westerbeek, St. Joseph, Mich., completed a master of business administration degree with a concentration in finance from the University of Notre Dame on May 18. He began working as a senior financial analyst at Whirlpool, St. Joseph, in June.

Wongel Worabo and Fikre-Yesus Mesfen, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Arkey Fikre-Yesus Mesfen on Nov. 16.

Dixie A. Yoder is music director for Legacy Oaks Christian School in Austin, Texas, coordinating a Kindermusik program and a violin program.

Eyob Zeleke and Melat Yilkal, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated the birth of Lewy on Jan. 10.

NEWS 2004

Erin Bontrager, Elkhart, Ind., and **Nathan Ramer '08**, Harper, Kan., were wed May 24. Erin is technical director at Amish Acres Round Barn Theater, Nappanee, Ind., and Nathan will begin studies at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary this fall.

Jon E. Bontrager and **Betsy Leinbach**, Moravian Falls, N.C., celebrated the birth of Kade Jacob Bontrager on April 20, 2007.

Tsegi Digi, Lhasa Tibet, China, is an English teacher at Tibet University School of Tourism and Foreign Languages. In June 2007 she was admitted to Future Generations Graduate School. Earlier she had set up a local voluntary organization called "Hope Corner," an organization that offers activities that are beneficial for local young Tibetans.

Krista L. Gautsche, London, England, graduated in May 2007 with a master's degree in social work from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. In June 2007 she moved to London, England, to accept a position as a social worker for the London Borough of Ealing, working in foster care and adoption.

Reuven M. Hodges and **Jiayun Aeron Huang '05**, Champaign, Ill., were wed Aug. 12. Reuven is a long distance Web programmer for Goshen College. Aeron is studying for a master's degree in architecture at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

John T. Kaitei and **Lorna Matura Kaitei '07**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Natasha Sinantei, on Jan. 28. John is a registered nurse in the emergency room and Lorna is a registered nurse on the medical-surgical unit, both at Elkhart General Hospital.

Jason M. Kauffman and **Shelly Habusta Kauffman**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Oliver Armon on Feb. 29.

Celeste G. Kennel-Shank, Chicago, Ill., began working as assistant editor of *Mennonite Weekly Review* in January. In August 2007 she completed a master's degree at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Evanston.

Meg S. Schrock, Brooklyn, N.Y., is a gaffer, lighting technician and grip on feature films, commercials and music videos shot in and around New York City.

Erica Y. Willems, Atlanta, Ga., is a graphic designer for the American Cancer Society.

NEWS 2005

Katie B. Boyts, Portland, Ore., is a massage therapist, studying and specializing in Thai massage and acupressure. For the last two years, she has also worked in an oncology clinic doing administrative work.

Tiffany Miller Childress, Fishers, Ind., is a charge nurse on the renal/oncology unit at Community North Hospital, Indianapolis.

Rachel Saner Eisenhour and Tex Eisenhour, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Josiah Allen on Nov. 21.

Sarah Eisenhour Ennis and James Ennis, Chatsworth, Calif., celebrated the birth of Judah Matthew on Feb. 8. Sarah is a charge nurse in the emergency room at Holy Cross Medical Center and White Memorial Medical Center. She is also working on her certifications as mobile intensive care nurse, critical care registered nurse and emergency department approved for pediatrics.

Mark Gingerich, Elkhart, Ind., is a full-time student at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Diana Torres Hernandez and Darick Hernandez, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Dariana on Jan. 27.

Sean M. Kauffman, Seattle, Wash., is a Web application developer for Art Technology Group, an enterprise e-commerce platform provider out of Boston.

Jee Hye Kim and Paul Lee, McLean, Va., were wed June 23, 2007. Jee Hye is a registered nurse at Inova Fairfax Hospital on the medical/surgical intensive care unit. She plans to begin graduate school in the family nurse practitioner program.

Tracy Cooper Louiselle and Greg Louiselle, Bristol, Ind., celebrated the birth of Cooper Gregory on Nov. 20.

Daniel R. Love and **Kassidy Cheek '07**, Goshen, were wed June 23, 2007. Daniel is the administrator at LifeSpring Community Church and an assistant tennis coach at Goshen High School. Kassidy is a registered nurse on the medical/surgical unit at Goshen General Hospital.

Prakriti Adhikari Majumdar, Saint Petersburg, Fla., graduated on Dec. 15 with a master of science degree in accounting from the University of Tampa. She is a staff accountant at Coca Cola Enterprises. **Utpal Majumdar '02** continues working for Jabil Circuit as a Senior B2B Analyst in St. Petersburg.

Alex D. Miller, Goshen, is the marketing manager for Maple City Market.

Ashley Miller '05 and Joel Ulrich, Goshen, were married Nov. 18. 2006. Ashley teaches English at Goshen High School.

Katie C. O'Hara, Baltimore, Md., is a program aide at Kennedy Krieger Institute.

Dan K. Stutzman, Goshen, was recognized by both international (ISO) and national (ANSI) standards bodies for meeting the requirements of a "Certified Technology Specialist." Dan is a member of ITS Media at Goshen College.

NEWS 2006

Katie A. Bender, Seattle, Wash., completed a master's degree in woodwind performance at the University of Washington in June. She continues to work as the administrative assistant at the American Brahms Society.

Kari A. Brown and Brad Brown, North Webster, Ind., celebrated the birth of Addison Lynn Marie on Dec. 21.

Jamei Lutteringer Boyer, Nappanee, Ind., is coordinator of the bus and specialty division at Turtle Top, New Paris, after previously working as assistant chassis coordinator. She is working to complete her master's degree in business administration.

Ventisha J. Conolly, Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands, is a physical education

teacher and head netball coach at Cayman Brac High School. She is also the vice president of the Sports Association of the Sister Islands.

Margarita A. Criswell and Frank Perales, Milford, Ind., celebrated the birth of Frank Antonio on Nov. 9. He joins Angel, 7, and Aiyana, 4. Margarita works as a surgical nurse at Goshen General Hospital.

Katrina Dyck and Aaron M. Meyer, Elkhart, Ind., were wed on Oct. 13. Katrina works in client services at Elkhart Community Bank.

James D. Graber, Goshen, works in the shipping department at Seating Technology.

Carla Walker Henderson and Otis Henderson, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Jasmine Shekinah on Nov. 8. She joins Joshua, 12, and Jeremiah, 2.

Ben J. Herendeen, Goshen, joined the staff of Herendeen Financial and will serve as a Mennonite Mutual Aid counselor representing the plans and services of MMA, Goshen.

Shanda C. Hochstetler and Peter J.H. Epp were wed in a weekend wedding Sept. 14-16. They now live in Portland, Ore., where Shanda works as an AmeriCorps*VISTA Winter Shelter Coordinator with the Council for the Homeless.

Kristina Bruggner Hood and Jeffrey Hood, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Maxwell Harry on Nov. 11. He joins Jakob, 6. Kris is a nurse with the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Alissa M. Kostyk, Niagara Falls, N.Y., graduated in May with a master's degree in sports administration from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. She will begin a position in August in Orlando, Fla., with Disney's Wide World of Sports.

Lindsay P. Nance, Chicago, Ill., works as a free-lance actor. She performed in the Jeff Recommended show, BOY by Julia Jordan, at Circle Theatre this past winter and was recently invited to join the company.

Sarah Rohrer, Greentown, Ind., and Ben Schlegel, Shickley, Neb., were wed May 24. Sarah is part of the pastoral team at Howard-Miami Mennonite Church, Kokomo.

Ollievia Patterson Sigsbee and John Sigsbee, Milford, Ind., celebrated the birth of Thomas Hunter on Feb. 26. He joins Luchas, 7, Alyssah, 4, and Eric, 18 months.

Heidi Zimmerman Stoffel and Joel Stoffel, Middlebury, Ind., celebrated the birth of Olivia Catharine on Feb. 4.

Becca Johnson Stucky, San Diego, Calif., works as a LEED coordinator at Drew George & Partners, Inc.

Micah A. Thieszen and Angie Thieszen, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Tobias Lee on Jan. 20. He joins Lily, 2.

Andrea B. Wiens, Phoenix, Ariz., works as a parent liaison at Encanto Elementary School, Phoenix.

Kristin L. Yoder, Phoenix, Ariz., is the resident services coordinator at Baptist Village Retirement Community.

NEWS 2007

Cecilia M. Baltazar and Oscar Meza, Bristol, Ind., celebrated the birth of a daughter, Ryan Monroe, on Feb. 19.

Jennifer Bell Bickle and Ken Bickle, Sturgis, Mich., were wed March 22. Jennifer works at the Sturgis Hospital on the medical surgical floor as a staff nurse and also completed her first year of the master's degree in nursing program at Goshen College.

Erin L. Gotwals completed an 11-month assignment with Mennonite Central Committee's SALT (Serving and Learning Together) program in July in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, teaching English courses at the Royal University of Agriculture.

Danielle Haney and Nathan Hill, Topeka, Ind., were wed May 24. Danielle is employed as a bank teller by Farmers State Bank.

Laura A. Herr and **Jacob B. Gillette '08**, Goshen, were wed May 31. Laura is a registered nurse in the birthing unit at Goshen General Hospital and Jake has been substitute teaching in Goshen Community Schools.

Emily C. Hershberger, Akron, Pa., will be teaching English to middle-school-age children in Uganda this fall as she begins a one-year term with Mennonite Central Committee's SALT (Serving and Learning Together) program.

Moshe E. Hodges and Regina Hodges, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Aiden Emery on Dec. 24.

Daenielle K. John, Palo Alto, Calif., is a language instructor for Berlitz in Palo Alto.

Naomi Rice-Smucker Kern, Oak Park, Ill., is a registered nurse in the medical intensive care unit at Rush University Medical Center in downtown Chicago. She is also enrolled in the acute care nurse practitioner/critical care nurse specialist program at Rush University College of Nursing.

Katie A. Meyer, Fresno, Ohio, completed a naturalist internship June 6 at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, teaching school children ecology and local history.

Jared K. Price, Goshen, works as an information systems technician at Flair Interiors.

Brian A. Schlabach, West Liberty, Ohio, and **Anna N. Yoder**, Goshen, were wed Dec. 22. The Yoder Schlabachs live in Denver, Colo.

Andrea J. Shepherd, Hillsdale, Mich., is a registered nurse at Hillsdale Community Health Center.

Erin C. Shields, Chicago, Ill., is the program assistant for Northwestern University's Biological Imaging Facility in Evanston.

Rachel E. Slentz, Goshen, is a registered nurse on the family care unit at Goshen General Hospital.

Megan L. Sohar, Orrville, Ohio, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August 2007 with Erie Neighborhood House in Chicago, Ill.

Rachel Sprunger, Newton, Kan., is a crisis case manager at Prairie View, a psychiatric facility.

Kat R. Stutzman, Santa Barbara de Samana, Dominican Republic, began a two-year Church of the Brethren Volunteer Service assignment with the Iguanario Project, Center for Conservation and Eco-Development, working to rehabilitate and repopulate iguanas within the region. Last summer Kat spent the summer as a field research assistant where she lived in the wilderness of Arizona to collect data on bird sighting, vegetation and small mammals.

Brandon J. Wengerd, Goshen, is a customer service representative at Dutch Mills, a custom cabinet shop in Goshen.

Jeffry A. Widjaja, Goshen, is working part time as an office assistant at Addictions Recovery Centers Inc.

Jonathan B. Yoder, Manheim, Pa., is a research technician at Milton S. Hershey College of Medicine.

Kyle M. Yoder, Philadelphia, Pa., works as a medical assistant at Esperanza Health Center. **Suzana Kline Yoder** teaches kindergarten at Discovery Charter School.

NEWS 2008

Jonny Meyer, Millersburg, Ind., and **Hannah Gerig**, Mishawaka, Ind., were wed on May 25. In the fall Jonny will be a student at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, and Hannah will teach art at Bethany Christian Schools.

NEWS Faculty and staff

Robert A. Majdak (staff '05-present), Millersburg, Ind., graduated with a bachelor of science degree in organizational management from Goshen College.

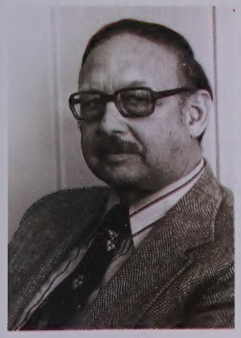
Stacie D. Meyers-Ray (staff '07-present), Elkhart, Ind., graduated in May with a bachelor of science degree in labor studies with a minor in history from Indiana University South Bend.

Alexandra Sterling-Hellenbrand (faculty '95-03), Boone, N.C., has been appointed global studies director at Appalachian State University, Boone, beginning fall 2008.

Bob E. Yoder (faculty '06-present) and Pamela Yoder, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Mira Susannah on April 12. She joins Robert Josiah, 2.

Alumni news notes have been edited for length. Go to mygc.goshen.edu/alumni/Alumni_Online/Alumni_News_Notes to read the full-text of news about alumni.

SAYING GOODBYE



KNOWN FOR HIS PASSION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF COMMUNICATION AL ALBRECHT PASSES AWAY

Professor Emeritus of Communication Al Albrecht '50 died June 23 in the hospital after a lengthy illness at the age of 84. He taught at the college for 23 years — 1964 to 1987.

Upon hearing the news, former Professor of Communication Stuart Showalter, who was a colleague of Albrecht, said, "Al Albrecht was one of the faculty founders of the Communication Department at Goshen College, helping to broaden its focus from speech and oratory to include the many modes of communication that we associate with the field today. He provided steady leadership for the department during a time of unprecedented enrollment growth and ferment in the field.

"Al's kind manner and academic interests in debate, persuasion, oral interpretation, parliamentary procedure and politics encouraged many students to consider graduate programs and careers in law, ministry, education and business. Years later, his former students continue to serve church and society effectively in many different professional roles."

A 1950 graduate of Goshen College, he received a master's degree at Purdue University in 1958 and a doctorate degree at Indiana University in 1965. Besides teaching at Goshen, he taught for four years previously at Indiana University and three years at the University of Vermont.

In his role at Goshen as professor of communication, he directed forensics, chaired the department and was executive secretary for the Intercollegiate Peace Speech Association. He taught speech and parliamentary procedure in AFL-CIO leadership training institutes, United Steel Workers institutes and local unions. And he was a member of the National Speech Communications Association, the Central States Speech Association and the Indiana State Speech Association.

Chair of the Communication Department and Associate Professor of Communication Duane Stoltzfus had Albrecht as a professor while he was a student at the college between 1977 and 1981. "He was a master at instilling confidence, and giving students the tools they needed to finish the job," said Stoltzfus. "I wish that we would have had a chance to teach as colleagues, but when I arrived in Goshen in 2000, Al was retired. Still, he remained eager to contribute ... his legacy lives on."

Albrecht was the first president of Aux Chandelles (ADEC) in 1964. He was a former board member of Elcose Credit Union, Elkhart, and he co-founded the Pennsylvania Deitsch Society. He was a parliamentarian for many years for Mennonite General Assembly sessions.

Recently Albrecht completed a book, *A Preacher's Preacher: The Life and Preaching of John Henry Mosemann (1907-1989)* (Evangel Press, 2008), which is a biography with description of Mosemann's personal style and analysis of his sermons, plus sermon texts.

Albrecht was born Jan. 22, 1924, in Middlebury, Ind., and on June 10, 1951, he married Miriam Sutter '50. They had two children Trish Yoder, of Goshen, and Jamie Albrecht, of Goshen, as well as four grandchildren. Albrecht was a member of College Mennonite Church in Goshen.

AN EXPERT ON DROSOPHILA, RESEARCH PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF BIOLOGY MERLE E. JACOBS DIES

Research Professor Emeritus of Biology Merle E. Jacobs '48 passed away on April 9 from pneumonia at the age of 89, though he had multiple myeloma since 2002. He taught at Goshen from 1953 to 1954 and 1964-85.

Jacobs served in Civilian Public Service at Jasper Pulaski Game Preserve near Medaryville, Ind., and at Howard, R.I. He received a doctorate in zoology, and did postdoctoral studies and teaching at Duke University from 1954 until 1957. He then taught at Bethany College in West Virginia, Eastern Mennonite College in Harrisonburg, Va., before returning to Goshen.

During this time span of 30 years, Jacobs was also doing research sponsored by the National Institutes of Health in the area of biochemical genetics of melanin pigmentation relative to adaptation, which had implications for aging and other health related issues. Students helped with research as he received grants from the National Institutes of Health.

Jacobs' research began as he studied the relationships between living things such as insects, birds, fish and the natural world. He was an avid researcher in animal behavior. He particularly studied dragonflies, fruit flies (drosophila), fish and birds.

With the help of his video photography, he spent many years teaching in environmental education, both in the community and in camp settings. He always had a deep concern for the wise use and conservation of natural resources.

The objective of his research for the National Institutes of Health and for environmental education was to help promote quality of life for all living things. In 1999, Naturebooks published his book, *Mr. Darwin Misread Miss Peacock's Mind*, which critiqued Charles Darwin's idea that female animals select mates on the basis of beauty for the sake of beauty.

Professor Emeritus of Biology Jonathan Roth worked with Jacobs throughout his career at Goshen, and remembers him fondly. "Merle always made sure that the confines of Science Hall were liberally stocked with fruit flies. So that if you left the remains of fruit in your trash, you would soon have visitors," he said. "He was a very bright guy. In his research, he was searching for new insights and information that might contribute to the overall body of science, and I think he contributed very well in that way."

Jacobs was born Nov. 30, 1918, in Johnstown, Pa., and married Elizabeth Beyeler on June 7, 1959. They resided in Smithville, Ohio, since 2001, and prior lived in Goshen.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

NEW YORK EXCURSION

Oct. 9-12, 2008

Hosted by Janette Yoder and Mary Ann Roth.

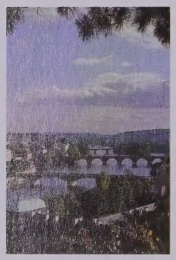
Full with 30 going; taking waiting list.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE/ PARAGUAY TOUR

July 13-27, 2009

Tour includes Mennonite World Conference in Asuncion followed by a tour of Paraguay that will cover the Mennonite Colonies in the Chaco, MEDA projects, the Leprosy Station, Jesuit ruins, and Iguazu Falls. Led by Erv Boschman and hosted by Janette Yoder

Trip is nearly full and taking waiting list.



EASTERN EUROPE

Oct. 6-22, 2009

Journey through five distinctly different areas—Warsaw and Krakow in Poland; Budapest, Hungary; the Danube Bend; Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Slovakia; and Prague in the Czech Republic. In-country tour guide and hosted by Janette Yoder.

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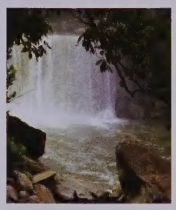


APPALACHIAN EXCURSION

Fall 2009

Five-day Afternoon Sabbatical bus tour through the southern Appalachian region. Enjoy traditional music, food and crafts as well as the beautiful natural wonders of Cumberland Falls and beyond. Led by Vice President for Institutional Advancement Will Jones, a native of Kensee Hollow.

Taking an "interested list."

THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

Spring 2010

A nine-day tour that starts in Vancouver with Vancouver Island and Butchart Gardens. Travel by train and coach with overnight stays in Kamloops, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary.

Taking an "interested list."

THE BEST OF TURKEY TOUR

July 2010

Plans are in the works for a 14-day tour to Turkey planned by the same Mediterranean agency that arranged our 2007 Greece tour. Visit this interesting land where East meets West. The trip will include Istanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia, Pergamum, Troy and more. A three-day Athens extension will be offered.

Taking an "interested list."

HELP US PLAN!

If there is enough interest, the following tours will be offered. Call to get on the "interested list."

- 2010: Oberammergau
- 2011: Baltic and Scandinavian; Spain; Amsterdam to Belgium River Boat

Be the first to receive word when trips are open for registration. If one of the preceding trips interests you, call (574) 535-7565 to be placed on the "interested list." When the trip is finalized, those on the list will have first chance to register before the trip is open to the public.

A MYSTERY STORY NO MORE: SARA ANN FREED '67

Sara Ann Freed '67 was "a famous person no one ever heard about," said her husband, Ira Weissman. As a Goshen College student from Souderton, Pa., Freed did not attract much attention from fellow students or faculty. "I would never have guessed, when she came, that one day there would be a gift given to Goshen College in her name," said Professor Emeritus of Communication J. Daniel Hess.

Freed was at the peak of her career in New York publishing when she died of leukemia on June 25, 2003, at age 57. She was editor-in-chief of Mysterious Press and a senior editor at Warner Books, both subsidiaries of AOL Time Warner Book Group. She was an award-winning editor of mystery books who had worked with many well-known writers in the mystery and crime writing genre. After she died, her husband, Ira Weissman, gave Goshen College a thatched-roof cottage in England that had been a favorite retreat spot for Freed. The cottage was recently sold, and the fund was used to establish a Goshen College scholarship in Freed's name.

Weissman hopes the scholarship will encourage young women who, like Freed, may start out a little unsure of their gifts. As an editor, Freed was particularly good at discovering and encouraging new talent. But as a Goshen College student, Freed first had to discover herself.

When Freed showed up for her first day of expository writing class with Hess, "she kind of slid in sideways and hid," he said. "She didn't have much confidence in herself." On campus, Freed never connected with many of her professors and was not well-known. "Freed was an outsider," said Hess. "She was hidden in many ways. She was always at the edge of some nervous cliff."

But when Hess read her essays, he thought she was a good writer and told her so. "It was a surprise to her that she could write," he said. He invited her to join the close-knit staff of the *Record*, the college's student newspaper. Although she majored in history, Freed edited the *Record* her senior year. Again, her talent – so clear to those around her – seemed to surprise Freed herself. "She was flabbergasted that she could edit a publication like the *Record*," Hess said.

She grew in confidence though. "She was discovering something about herself," said Hess. "At college she found herself. She found her gift … She was not a student leader, but she was just really good and solid. She was a marvelous person."

After college, Freed landed a job with Mennonite Publishing House, but felt drawn to the big city. She moved to New York City, shared an apartment with a friend and began working for a temp agency. After several years, a temp job at Harper & Row publishing house led to a low-level permanent job. Freed began to work her way up in the publishing world, first as a screener of children's book manuscripts, and later with a job reading mystery manuscripts for Mysterious Press in 1985. The job was a great fit. "She always liked mysteries," said Weissman. "She was a bit of an anglophile."

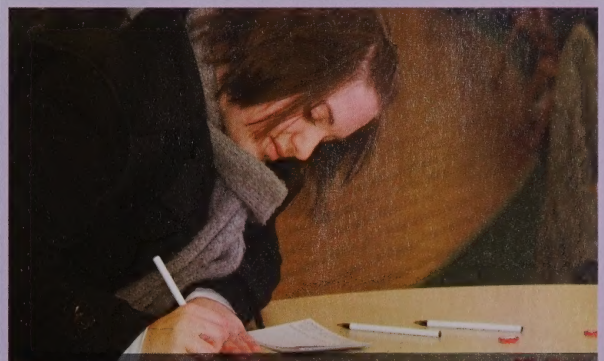
In the cut-throat world of New York publishing, said Weissman, Freed's gentle personality unexpectedly turned out to be an asset.

"It was what helped her achieve greatness," he said. "She just kept chugging along quietly. Everybody loved her. She wasn't competitive and she just kept getting stronger. She was offered other jobs, but she turned them down. She wanted to edit."

The mystery genre was more open to women writers and editors than other publishing areas in the 1980s, explained Weissman. Even so, Freed experienced hurdles such as lower pay and less recognition than men in equivalent positions. He believes prejudices persist in the publishing field. For that reason, the Sara Ann Freed Scholarship Fund will give priority to women students with an interest in creative writing and the field of publishing. "I think about Sara as a young girl coming to the city," he said. "I think women need a little push upward."

When Freed's life came to an end, her talents were no longer hidden. The *New York Times* carried her obituary and several thousand people attended her funeral. Warner Books established the Sara Ann Freed Memorial Award for new mystery novels. At Goshen College, the future Sara Ann Freeds of the world will be supported with scholarships starting in the fall of 2008.

- By Judy Weaver '81



JODI H. BEYELER

THE REST OF THE YEAR IS ON US. On Feb. 20, the Development Office hosted Tuition Free Day, which symbolically marks the two thirds point in the year when students' tuition stops paying for their education and the financial support of others begins. Students, like senior Elena Nussbaum, wrote notes of thanks to donors to the college and received cake and buttons.

ABOVE: Sara Ann Freed '67 (bottom at left) edited the *Record* newspaper as a student. She speaks with her staff about an issue.

2008 FALL CAMPUS EVEN

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS INDICATED. CALL (574) 535-7566 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ORDER TICKETS.
FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF GOSHEN COLLEGE EVENTS, VISIT US ON THE WEB AT WWW.GOSHEN.EDU AND CLICK ON "CALENDAR."

August

Aug. 24-Oct. 17	**Exhibit: Haitian Art: The Hunsberger Collection.** Good Library Gallery
Aug. 29-Oct. 12	**Exhibit: Judy Wenig-Horswell – A Retrospective**, Hershberger Art Gallery.

September

Sept. 9	**Afternoon Sabbatical: Professor Emeritus of International Education Arlin Hunsberger and Naomi Hunsberger '55**, 1 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall.
Sept. 13	**Faculty Showcase Recital: Beverly Lapp '91, solo piano**, 7:30 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. $7, $5
Sept. 16	**Celebration of Latino Poetry**, 7 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall.
Sept. 17	**Umble Master Class Lecture: Bryan Saner of Goat Island Performance Group**, 7 p.m., Umble Center.
Sept. 19	**Performing Arts Series: Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $45, $40, $25
Sept. 21	**Organ Recital Series**, 4 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. $7, $5
Sept. 30	**Reading: Michael Martone**, 7 p.m., Newcomer Center Room 19.

October

Oct. 3-5	**Homecoming Weekend, celebrating the 40th anniversary of Study-Service Term**
Oct. 3	**Exhibit reception: Haitian Art – The Hunsberger Collection**, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Good Library Gallery.
Oct. 3	**Exhibit reception: Judy Wenig-Horswell – A Retrospective**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Hershberger Art Gallery.
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Oct. 3	**Peace Plays**, 9 p.m., Umble Center. $3
Oct. 4	**Peace Plays**, 4 p.m., Umble Center. $3
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Oct. 5	**Peace Plays**, 2 p.m., Umble Center. $3
Oct. 9-12	**Nature Photography Workshop**, Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. $475, contact (260) 799-5869 or jenniferhs@goshen.edu to register
Oct. 10	**Guest recital: Rebecca Martin '88, soprano and Marvin Blickenstaff, piano**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $7, $5

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Oct. 14 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Goshen – A City on the Go" with members of Downtown Goshen, Inc.**, 1 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall.

Oct. 17 **Sixth Annual Grief Seminar**, Church-Chapel. Call (574) 535-7400 to learn more.

Oct. 19 **Exhibit reception: Jordan Buschur '01, painting and Erin Coleman-Cruz '03, sculpture**, 2-4 p.m., Hershberger Art Gallery. (Oct. 17-Nov. 16)

Oct. 24 **Orchestra fall concert**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $7, $5

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Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 7-8 **Fall Mainstage**, (title TBA), 8 p.m., Umble Center. $8, $5

Nov. 1 **Faculty Showcase Recital: Matthew Hill, solo piano**, 7:30 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. $7, $5

Nov. 2, 9 **Fall Mainstage**, (title TBA), 3 p.m., Umble Center. $8, $5

Nov. 7-9 **Family Weekend**

Nov. 8 **Lavender Jazz fall concert: "Ritmo Mundial!,"** 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $7, $5

Nov. 11 **Afternoon Sabbatical: "Sing the Closing of the Year" with the St. Joseph Valley Camerata**, 1 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall.

Nov. 15 **Goshen College Choirs with Toledo Symphony**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $7, $5

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In September 1949, Lillian Zook Yoder (above) spent each Sunday teaching the first and second graders of fledgling Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Dunlap, Ind. Her future husband, Sam, drove the college bus through the neighborhood to bring in the flock. More than 30 GC students participated regularly that year in church leadership, Sunday School instruction, visitation and weekday "club" activities for children.

Also following the call of the Young People's Christian Association's (YPCA) motto "to make Christ known," a similar number traveled weekly to the slightly older Locust Grove congregation southwest of Elkhart. Smaller groups worked at the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel and on Plymouth Street in Goshen, and plans were being made for a new outreach in South Bend. Earlier YPCA activity had already produced independent congregations at North Goshen and East Goshen. As early as 1910, GC students had held evening meetings in Waterford homes.

Sunnyside was typical of the YPCA Extension Committee's systematic undertakings and outreach throughout the 1940s. Prompted by YPCA sponsor Paul Mininger, students undertook several surveys and learned that around a third of the 114 families in the area might have interest in a Sunday School. A team of students began visiting in area homes regularly over several months while trying to find an appropriate meeting place. The aging pastor of one independent congregation in the neighborhood was not quite ready to release his little building for use by the students. So the YPCA instead negotiated an interest-free loan from the Mission Board to cover the costs (just over $5,000) to build a 26x46 ft. cement block building.

The 1965 Palm Sunday tornadoes obliterated the original building (and much of the surrounding neighborhood), but Sunnyside, like several other area congregations started by Goshen's YPCA, continues to this day.

– Joe Springer
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We want to know about the transitions and news in your life – and so do your classmates, friends and relatives!

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JODI H. BEYELER

AROUND THE WORLD

AND BACK AGAIN

The unique gift of global citizenship is often celebrated and shared. From Feb. 21 to March 2, the 57-voice Women's World Music Choir (above), led by Professor of Music Debra Brubaker, toured through Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York City, and concluded with a home concert. The choir performed spiritual music in 10 languages. On March 8, 115 students shared their talents at the annual International Student Club Coffeehouse (below). Among the performances was this dance by (front to back) junior Natasha Alhagananthan (Petaling Jaya, Malaysia), sophomore Crystal Zook (Willow Street, Pa.) and Mio Kurahashi (Hiroshima, Japan).

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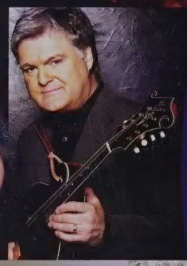

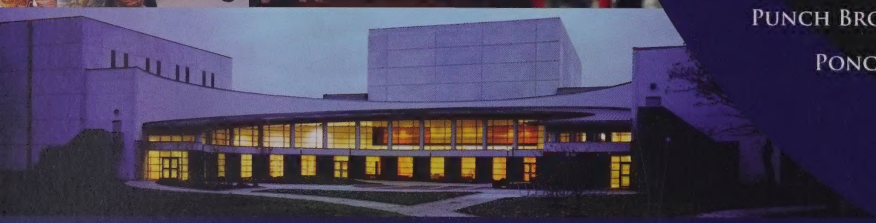

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Correspondence

This morning I finally got around to reading the most recent *Bulletin* [Spring/Summer 2008] and was moved deeply by its contents. Jim, your reflections on your trip to Egypt, John's article on denominations, the report on CNN's visit to campus, McLaren's visit (that I missed again!), and more, left me profoundly thankful to God for Goshen College.

Terry W. Shue, pastor
Kidron (Ohio) Mennonite Church

Your article in the Spring/Summer edition of the *Bulletin,* as well as the story in *Heritage* paid tribute to Sara Ann Freed who was indeed a shy, nervous young woman as I remember her. We were roommates our freshman year at GC sharing a room on the second floor of Kulp Hall.

Sara was driven to do well in her courses and held in high esteem those Mennonite scholars and professors she had heard about growing up in the Mennonite faith. She had huge admiration for students and faculty she felt to be "intellectuals." I, having grown up in a General Conference congregation, was not so familiar with Mennonite scholarship, which she felt made me rather "provincial." As an 18-year-old farm girl from Congerville, Ill., the label now seems pretty accurate.

As I have read the two articles I have felt nothing but admiration and awe at her amazing achievement in the publishing world and truly wish I would have known her in later life. Her life was cut short, but her accomplishments will long be remembered through the scholarships in her name.

Martha Dosher Beck '67
Carbondale, Ill.

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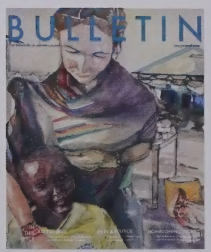

Artwork by Britta Albrecht '10
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This fall we celebrated the 40th anniversary of Study-Service Term (SST). Art major Britta Albrecht (Goshen) captures some of the essence of the unique program in her artwork on the cover of her co-traveler Allyson Crosby (Jr., Spencer, Ind.) with her young host sister Aggie Wambura on SST in Tanzania during spring 2008. Chickens in the yard are a staple memory of many students' experiences, no matter whether they went to China, Costa Rica or Poland. But more important are the relationships students make with their hosts, particularly the children.

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Maple seeds and other miracles of hope

MILAGROS! MIRACLES! During the fall semester, 19 students took Associate Professor of Art Judy Wenig-Horswell's last official jewelry class before she retires in June and experienced the power of *milagros*. In Latin America and in other cultures, a *milagro* is a pendant that represents either a miracle for which the wearer is thankful or a miracle for which she or he hopes and prays to come to pass.

Students were asked to design and create personal *milagros* using a "found object" that could either be worn as a pendant or displayed in other ways. One student designed his *milagro* using two rocks he brought back from his Study-Service Term in Nicaragua in thankful memory of his experiences there and as a prayer for the well-being of people of that poor and conflicted nation. Another student designed a "tree of life" *milagro* to symbolize "growth" and "renewal" in which each branch contained a personalized symbol representing her mom, dad, brother, two sisters and her. The *milagro* or miracle in her life for which she was most thankful was, in her words, those "who make my life what it is – my family." I wish I could recount for you all the "found objects" and miracles experienced and miracles hoped for by these students. To do so would not only fill these pages and many more, but also fill your heart and soul beyond measure.

If I were to design a *milagro* for Goshen College my "found object" would be, no doubt, a maple seed – you remember, that whirly-gig, helicopter-like seed that is itself a miracle of design and playful wonder. For me, the maple seed symbolizes the miracle of hope, which echoes this year's spiritual life theme at Goshen College: "Sensing God's Hope, Claiming God's Hope." For me, hope, like a miracle, isn't mere "wishful thinking." Hope is "confident expectation" based upon past or present signposts of God's participation in our lives. Hope is a mighty unstoppable force. For me, these days, that's what matters most.

To mix seed and nut metaphors a bit, Ralph Waldo Emerson likened hope to the power of one acorn to create a thousand forests. Or put less eloquently, another sage mused, "Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its ground." I am so hopeful about the future, in part, because at Goshen College our students are a bit "nuts" – holy, thoughtful, mighty nuts holding their ground. Our students are maple seeds, the source of a thousand future forests of miraculous possibility.

Milagros! Miracles! Seeds of hope! Recently, I received a letter from a stranger to Goshen College, that is until he and his wife hosted four of the GC Women's World Music Choir members in their home. He wrote, "The music was absolutely fantastic. But, it's not because of the music I'm writing you, but about the extremely fine group of women we hosted in our home … Truly, if these ladies are representative of the students at your institution, you are more than extremely fortunate." Indeed, we are fortunate.

Our sports teams are competitive in the conference, but even more, they are seeds of hope in a hurting world. Our Athletic Department sponsors a child from Rwanda with HIV, the basketball team recently offered a free basketball clinic at a local elementary school and went on to play at the Ionia Maximum Security Correctional Facility in Michigan as part of the inmates' rehabilitation. "I was in prison and you visited me," Christ said to his disciples – affirming words to our disciple-athletes.

This issue of the *Bulletin* is full of reminders of miracles that have sustained Goshen College through 114 years of its existence – countless individuals who planted "maple seeds" of hope. We also see in this issue, future miracles unfolding, lives transformed at Goshen College, maple seeds, Maple Leafs, who have and will heliport and whirly-gig by the wind of the Spirit in service to God and others all over the planet. Our students and alumni are miracles-in-the-making, the plantings of a thousand forests of dreams and possibilities. They are, you are, divine signposts of a hope-filled future. Miracles! *Milagros*!

Jim Brenneman

Dr. James E. Brenneman
President of Goshen College

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A beautiful snow fell in Northern Indiana on Nov. 18, 2008, covering the campus fountains, balconies and trees with an early powder that sparkled in the sun. Though the cold has stopped the water flowing from the Adelphian Fountain for another season, when it returns in time for Commencement, the spray will be much lower than it once was when it rose nearly to Kulp Hall's second floor balcony (in the background). Kulp, built two years after the fountain in 1906, remains the oldest residence hall on campus. Until the last decade, this hall was home for women only, but today, Kulp Hall houses upper-class male and female students, including several small groups.

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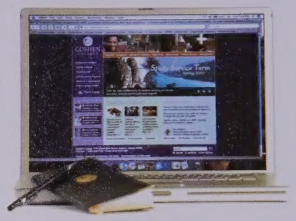

Striking the balance between old and new

WHEN IS ONE no longer a newcomer at Goshen College?

I've reflected on that question since Dec. 1 – my two-year anniversary as director of the Public Relations Office. It's been a joyful time for me. I'm grateful to work at a Christ-centered college for visionary leaders and with bright colleagues. My work is challenging, rewarding and usually fun.

Yet when I mentioned my anniversary around campus, the most common reaction surprised me: "Really? You've been here two years? It hasn't seemed that long." Some people guessed I'd only been here a year; others just shrugged, which I took as a sign that two years isn't a big a deal at Goshen College. In fact, it isn't.

Two years means I'm a toddler compared with many people around here. For example, Myrna Kaufman '66, our administrative assistant in the PR Office, just celebrated her 30th anniversary. At the staff Christmas banquet, 18 people (all of whom completed at least five years here) were honored for a combined 265 years of superlative service.

A cynic might ask: What does it take for someone to be considered a full member of the Goshen College family? Must one be an alumnus? A GC employee for several decades? Or do one's parents and grandparents have to be GC graduates or come from a family that is Mennonite?

Frankly, that once may have been the case, but I don't think that's true now. As President Brenneman told a campus gathering in late August, GC needs to warmly welcome all students, regardless of their backgrounds, as long as they are open to being shaped by the college's Christ-centered core values of being compassionate peacemakers, servant leaders, passionate learners and global citizens.

"So great are the core values we proclaim that I believe they can be trusted to carry us into the 21st century as an institution," President Brenneman said. "I have lived to see and experience the transforming nature of core values such as these accepted, cherished and faithfully lived by those without any historic connection to the Mennonite Church or any church, even by those who were sometimes initially antagonistic toward these values."

As a non-Mennonite, I wholeheartedly agree with President Brenneman. I believe Goshen College benefits from the skills, experiences, cultures and world views of non-Mennonites. It's important that newcomers learn Goshen College's history, celebrate its traditions and understand and respect the way things have been done. It's also important for newcomers to be true to their beliefs, suggest new approaches and speak their minds. New viewpoints are vital at a time when GC is trying to attract students, faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds.

> "Even as I become more 'Goshen-ized,' the newness of being part of the Goshen College family hasn't worn off."

So I'm happy that I'm involved in many campus initiatives, that I understand what makes Goshen College tick (and so great) and that I also know many students, faculty, staff members and alumni. I love to attend campus gatherings because they help me learn more about GC, hear new stories and make new friends. In fact, my wife (Judy Weaver '81) often jokes that I know more people at Goshen than she does.

But I also don't mind being a rookie. Being a newcomer makes it easier to relate to other newcomers, keeps my job feeling vital and opens me to new possibilities. So even as I become more "Goshen-ized," the newness of being a part of the Goshen College family hasn't worn off. And I hope it never does.

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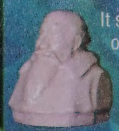

It seems that Menno is doing better at keeping himself out of sight. We only heard from 25 of you who correctly found Menno in the Spring/Summer 2008 issue on page 41, perched on the shelf, listening in on a *Record* staff meeting. He might have had an opinion or two to share if they would have just let him speak!

Though Menno doesn't give himself up without a lot of hunting and searching, if you read every word and check out every photo, we hope you too can find where Menno is hiding this time (he looks just like the graphic at the left, just a little smaller). When you find him, submit your entry to gcbulletin@goshen.edu by Feb. 27, 2009. Be sure to include your name, hometown and graduation year/affiliation with Goshen College.

From the correct submissions, we chose at random six lucky winners to receive limited-edition *Bulletin* T-shirts:

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Fall semester news: enrollment, retention and rankings

△ During Orientation Weekend, resident assistants help new students move into their rooms.

Fall 2008 enrollment statistics at Goshen College showed gains in the number of graduate students and a continued high retention rate, but a decline in first-year traditional students.

College officials reported a total head count of 958 students attending full or part time and taking courses, seeking graduate degrees or seeking degrees through Goshen's Division of Adult and External Studies (DAES), compared with 971 in fall 2007.

GC's graduate total includes an all-time high of 28 full- and part-time students enrolled in the college's two programs – a master of science degree in nursing and a master of education degree in environmental education. Last year, there were 16 graduate students.

In addition, 44 students are enrolled in the two DAES degree-completion programs – the bachelor of science in organizational leadership and the bachelor of science in nursing for registered nurses.

Retention – a key measure of student satisfaction – continues to be high at Goshen College. The latest figures show that 84 percent of the 2007-2008 first-year students are enrolled this fall. This marks the sixth year in a row of retention rates at or above 80 percent.

Rising student satisfaction has prompted the college's retention success over the past six years, according to Bill Born, vice president for student life and dean of students. For example, the 2007 Student Satisfaction Inventory of Goshen College students showed a high degree of student satisfaction in such areas as the overall experience of being a student, the course content within majors, the quality of instruction, faculty and academic advising, safety and security, campus living conditions, the caring attitude and helpfulness of staff, spiritual support and intercollegiate athletics.

There was a decline in the number of traditional first-year students this year, though. The college began the academic year with 172 first-year students in contrast to 202 last fall and 206 in 2006-2007. The last two years were the only first-year classes with more than 200 students since 1999-2000.

PROFILE OF THE CLASS OF 2012

Average G.P.A. 3.50
Average SAT score 1170
Average ACT composite score 24
11 countries and 23 states
Top declared majors are nursing, biology, business, education and music

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

Top five states sending students are Indiana (400), Pennsylvania (93), Ohio (66), Illinois (60) and Michigan (36)

60.6 percent of all full-time students are from Mennonite-affiliated churches and **39.4 percent** come from other denominations or faith traditions.

There are **113 full- and part-time minority students** enrolled this fall compared with 77 four years ago. In addition, **48 international students** are enrolled from 23 countries.

GC fares well in college rankings

In its first ratings of America's Best Colleges, Forbes.com ranked Goshen College in the top 4 percent of the 4,000 U.S. colleges and universities, at 159th, based on the quality of education provided, how much students achieve and several other key factors. Sixteen Indiana schools made the list, with Goshen placing seventh among them. Of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities members that made the Forbes list, Goshen College was in the top 10.

Goshen placed high in the third tier of Best Liberal Arts Colleges for the eighth straight year in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges." Goshen was ranked 149th out of 265 of the country's top liberal arts colleges.

GC also was listed among 32 top colleges and universities with outstanding study abroad programs. In addition, Goshen was ranked sixth for the percentage of graduates studying abroad, with 85 percent.

Goshen also was given special recognition for being a "least debt" college, being an "A+ option for B students," having a high retention rate, a high graduation rate, low class sizes, economic and racial diversity among its students, as well as a high percentage of international students.

Laying a foundation of service

During the 10th annual Celebrate Service Day on Sept. 24, sophomore Aaron Shenk of Goshen rakes gravel around the buildings at Oaklawn mental health facility in Goshen with his residence hall floormates, including sophomore Simon Smucker of Goshen (foreground). During this annual day when classes were cancelled, campus members spread out to 34 service sites in Michiana putting the college's motto, "Culture for Service," into action. This year, students could also purchase Celebrate Service Day T-shirts for $5 and all proceeds went to Maple City Health Care Center in northeast Goshen; more than a third of their patients live below the poverty line.

Piano professor releases solo CD with music of faith

After years of collecting church music and performing it on the piano, Associate Professor of Music Beverly Lapp released her first solo piano CD titled, "Every Blessing: Songs of Faith at the Piano," which represents some of her favorite selections.

The CD features arrangements of well-known hymns and original compositions by Goshen College Assistant Professor of Music Lee Dengler, James Clemens '87, Ken Medema, Gina Sprunger and R. Nathaniel Dett.

"People who love the sound of the piano will enjoy these arrangements and compositions because the composers really know how, in their writing, to make the piano sing," said Lapp. "People who are comforted by hymn tunes will enjoy this, as will those who are looking for a mix of contemplative and lively piano music to accompany their daily activities."

The CD can be purchased for $10 at the Music Center office or by calling (574) 535-7361.

Bev Lapp

Basketball players scrimmage at correctional facility

JOSH GLEASON

Much like any other season-opening scrimmage, the Goshen College men's basketball team loaded a bus wearing sparkling new warm-up uniforms and shoes evident of a fresh new season. Players studied, listened to music and rested while their stomachs churned in anticipation for their first contest of the season.

That is where the typical scrimmage preparations ended for the Maple Leafs on Oct. 14, since the men's basketball team was not playing a similarly matched opponent from another university. Instead, they were traveling to play inmates at the Ionia (Mich.) Maximum Correctional Facility.

The facility in Ionia holds about 680 inmates, including about 250 Level 2 offenders – less serious offenses like drug charges – and the remaining inmates classified as Level 5, representing the most dangerous criminals in the state of Michigan. The Level 5 inmates are closed off from nearly all personal contact, but the Level 2 prisoners receive rewards, like basketball, for good behavior.

After an abbreviated warm up, players took to the court for a simple game of basketball. Like most other contests, fans and players disagreed with officials – also inmates in this case – time-outs were called, shots were made, players were heckled by fans and one team came out ahead – Goshen easily won the game 100-53 against the aptly named I-Max (for maximum security) varsity team.

At times, Goshen College players and staff almost forgot that the game was even taking place in a prison. They were forced back to reality when they saw guards standing with weapons and the crowd full of men, young and old, wearing the bright orange and blue with printed prisoner numbers on them.

But for those instances, fans and players – on both sides – could momentarily forget about the circumstances and focus on camaraderie and a simple game, even if just for a night.

In post-game handshakes, inmate team members' words were that of: "God bless you," "Thanks for coming" and "Thanks for picking our spirits up."

"It is going to be all that they (inmates) talk about for the next month," said Goshen assistant coach Tim Williams. The same could likely be said for the Maple Leaf basketball players, as it became an experience everyone would not soon forget.

– By Josh Gleason

With host families, students gain in-depth look at China

This fall, 21 GC students lived and studied in China through the Study-Service Term (SST) program. In 1980, Goshen College became the first U.S. college to arrange an undergraduate exchange to China. "We were unique in 1980 and we still are," said Tom Meyers, director of international education at Goshen College.

In the prior 28 years of the SST program in China, students lived in a dormitory for foreign students at Sichuan Normal University in the province's largest city of Chengdu for the entire semester and taught English to university students. This was in contrast to the way SST units in other countries operated: with host families, a study component and a service component.

With this group, new arrangements have been made so that students studied the Chinese language, culture and history at China West Normal University for the first six weeks in the city of Nanchong while living with host families. Nanchong is located in the central province of Sichuan and is a city with a population of 300,000.

During the second half of the semester, students spread out to smaller towns in eastern Sichuan province to volunteer teaching English in middle and high schools while also living with host families. As in prior years, the students also had opportunities for field trips to some of China's most famous sites, including the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

△ Max Wyse (left) with two Chinese friends.

STEVE NOLT

Though there are other U.S. colleges and universities who have students living with Chinese host families during their study abroad experience, Goshen is one of the first to offer this unique full semester program of study and service for college students in China.

"The depth of experience and direct involvement with Chinese culture that our students will have is what is so unique about our program," said Meyers.

"People here are so amazed to learn that our students are staying with families. They've never heard of it being done." said Professor of History Steve Nolt, the group leader. "They are sure that Americans would want to stay in a nice hotel or foreign student dorm."

– By Jodi H. Beyeler

Christmas program broadcast nominated for regional Emmy

"A Festival of Carols 2007," the television broadcast of the annual Goshen College Christmas music concert, was nominated for an Emmy in the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Lower Great Lakes Chapter.

Twelve students, under the direction of Associate Professor of Communication Ron Johnson and Audio Recording Engineer Matthias Stegmann, with the assistance of ITSMedia and Music Center faculty, recorded and edited the broadcast. The production crew filmed the event using new high-definition cameras, operated the sound and edited the final program in a time span of 12 days.

"Students and faculty are realizing that a smaller private college program, when it focuses its energy in doing larger things, can do them," said Johnson. "[Quality] is not limited by how many resources you believe you have or don't have, but more by how big the vision is."

JODI H. BEYELER

There were over 500 entries from the Lower Great Lakes Chapter – which includes the region around Indianapolis and Cleveland – representing work performed by professionals and students between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2007. Television professionals outside the Indiana-Ohio-Pennsylvania region judged each entry, and only the best entries received nominations for an Emmy Award.

– By Tyler Falk '09

Students receive summer theological fellowships

Students Amy Showalter (Sr., Harrisonburg, Va.), a Bible and religion major, and Nathan Grieser (Sr., Goshen), a music major, both received undergraduate fellowships this summer from the Fund for Theological Education (FTE) to further their interests in the ministry.

Of the more than 300 applicants, Showalter and Grieser were among the 50 students to receive the undergraduate fellowship, alongside peers from a diverse range of denominations from across the country.

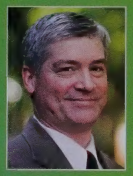
Receiving the FTE undergraduate fellowship means Showalter and Grieser received a $2,000 stipend to cover expenses for the school year, or to pursue any form of ministry exploration, following their attendance at the FTE Conference on Excellence in Ministry.

An all-around good green decision

This fall, the college's dining service provider, Sodexo, decided to go trayless for environmental and financial reasons, as well as being good for students' waistlines. Electricity, water and chemical usage are reduced because there are far fewer dishes and trays to wash. Less detergents, solid waste and grease down the drain also improves the local water supply. And trayless dining substantially decreases food waste by encouraging students to take only the amount of food they can carry; this fall, the GC dining hall saw 15-20 percent less food waste.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING FACULTY

Julie Bruneau is assistant professor of English. She received a bachelor's degree in English from Colby College, a master's of education degree from the University of Hartford (Conn.) and is completing her doctorate at Notre Dame. Her dissertation is "Perceval the Welshman: Identity in Medieval British Romance."



Robert Day is a major gifts officer in the college's Development Office. He received a bachelor's degree from Cumberland College and master of social work and master of divinity degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Day has been a teaching faculty member at Eastern Kentucky University and at Cumberland College.

Tim Demant is athletic director. He received a bachelor's degree from Trinity Western University and a master of human kinetics-bioenergetics from the University of British Columbia. Demant served as director of athletic and recreation at Columbia Bible College (CBC) in Abbotsford, British Columbia, and also served there as the head coach for men's volleyball and general health and wellness instructor.

Suzanne Ehst is academic counselor in the Academic Support Center. She received a bachelor's degree from Eastern Mennonite University and a master's degree in transformative language arts from Goddard College. She taught English, creative writing and theater at Bethany Christian High School in Goshen.

John Fitzmartin is the entrepreneurship director and associate professor of business. He received a bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University, a master's degree in statistics from Southern Connecticut State University, a doctorate in statistics from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's of business administration from the University of Notre Dame. He is the founder of and was the CEO of Pharma Clinical Trials.

Jonathan Geiser '82 is business development director and associate professor of business. He received a bachelor's degree from Goshen College and a master's degree from the American Graduate School of International Management. He has lived and worked in Barcelona, Spain, as an English language instructor, business language professor, the Capital Investment Coordinator for SEAT (Volkswagen Group) and the director of international programmes at the graduate business school, Escola D'Alta Direcció i Administraci (EADA).

Rachel Gerber '00 is the apartments manager. She received a bachelor's degree from Goshen College and a master of divinity degree from Eastern Mennonite Seminary. She has been a fifth-grade teacher, a resident director at Eastern Mennonite University, minister of youth and young adults at College Mennonite Church in Goshen and associate pastor of faith formation at First Mennonite Church in Denver, Colo.

Deborah Gessinger is instructor of American Sign Language. She is Deaf and a native user of American Sign Language. She received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University South Bend, and is completing a master's degree in curriculum design from McDaniels College.

Melissa Lehman Gillette '05 is assistant professor of biology. She received a bachelor's degree from Goshen College and a master's degree in medical and molecular genetics at Indiana University School of Medicine in 2007. She has been working as a genetics counselor at the Genetics Center of the Indiana School of Medicine in Gary, Ind.

Joshua Gleason is sports information director. He received a bachelor's degree from Simpson University and is working on a master's degree in sports leadership from Duquesne University. He previously worked as the assistant director of athletics, sports information director and baseball coach at Simpson.

Rebecca Hernandez is director of the Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning. She received a bachelor's degree from Southeastern College, a master's degree in public administration from Portland University and a doctorate in human development and family studies from Oregon State University. Hernandez previously was the director of Community Building for the Hacienda Community Development Corp. of Portland. She also held faculty appointments at Oregon State University and at Oregon Health and Sciences University School of Nursing.

Josh Hire is head golf coach. He has been the head golf professional at Timber Ridge Golf Club in Millersburg, Ind.

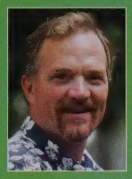
Jeff Hochstetler '08 is an admission counselor. He received a bachelor's degree from Goshen College.

Scott Hochstetler '97 is assistant professor of music, and directs the Men's Chorus and Chorale. He received a bachelor's degree from Goshen College, master's degrees from the University of Michigan and Western Oregon University and a doctorate in choral conducting from Michigan State University. Hochstetler taught at Western Mennonite School in Salem, Ore., and has also taught on the faculties of Corban College and the University of Michigan-Flint.

Frank Johnson is special assistant to the president for institutional planning, strategy and research. He received a bachelor's degree from Olivet Nazarene University, and both his master's degree and doctorate in U.S. history from Michigan State University. Previously, Johnson served as associate vice president for adult and graduate studies at Mount Vernon (Ohio) Nazarene University.

Sheila King is director of conferences and events. She received a bachelor's degree from Purdue University. King has worked at the South Bend Marriott as an event manager and as a convention and trade show associate for SmithBucklin Corporation.

Lee Mast is head softball coach. He was previously the coach for the Goshen High School softball program.



David Ostergren is director of the graduate program in environmental education at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, a master's degree in political science from West Virginia University, a master's of education degree from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate in forest resources science from West Virginia University. Ostergren was an associate professor in the School of Forestry and the Center for Environmental Sciences and Education at Northern Arizona University. He also served as director of the Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystem Study Unit.

Mary Beth Schlabach '87 is acquisitions and cataloging specialist in the Good Library. She received a bachelor's degree from Goshen College and is working on a master's degree in library science at Indiana University.

Jake Shipe is resident director of Yoder Residence Hall. He received a bachelor's degree from Bethel College (Mishawaka, Ind.) and was an elementary school teacher in Goshen.

Bethany Swope '96 is church relations coordinator. She received a bachelor's degree from Goshen College. Swope has been a high school English teacher, a writer for Mennonite Mission Network and assistant manager at the Ten Thousand Villages store in Goshen.

Gregg Thaller is associate professor of music and the orchestra director. He received a bachelor's degree in music from Boston University, a master of music education degree from Hartt School of Music and a doctor of music education from the University of Cincinnati. Thaller has been a full-time teacher of music for 23 years in public and private high schools as well as state and private colleges.

Victoria Waters is associate librarian of the Mennonite Historical Library. She received a bachelor's degree in English from Wheaton College and master's degrees in comparative literature and library science from the University of Chicago. She has previously worked remotely for the National Library of Medicine.

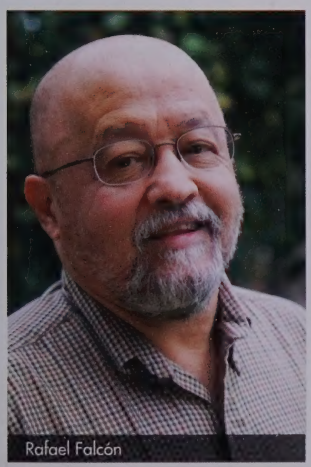
Diane White is director of the Wellness and Health Center. She received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's degree as an adult nurse practitioner from the University of Maryland. White has been a nurse practitioner, clinical research associate, clinical data specialist and a medical legal analyst.

Chris Wood is associate professor of nursing. She received a bachelor's degree from Holy Names College, an R.N. degree from Pasadena City College, a master's degree as a gerontological clinical nurse specialist and a doctorate from the University of California San Francisco, and a post-master's geriatric nurse practitioner certificate from California State University, East Bay. Wood is a member of the Grand Rapids Dominicans.

TRANSITION

Glenn Gilbert '01 is now campus sustainability coordinator in addition to being the utilities manager; **Carlos Gutierrez** has moved from being associate director of financial aid to being assistant professor of business; **Ruth Horst Stoltzfus** '79 has moved from being director of the Wellness and Health Center to being assistant professor of nursing; and **Trish Albrecht Yoder** '80 has moved from being associate director of the Recreation-Fitness Center to being admission counselor.

Spanish professor pens bilingual book of short stories about Hispanic identity

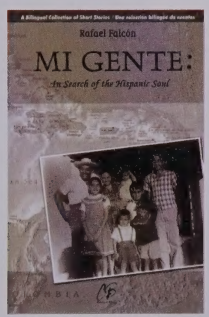


Rafael Falcón

There are more than 35 million people who identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 U.S. Census. One of them is Professor of Spanish Rafael Falcón, who has written a bilingual collection of fiction short stories, *Mi Gente: In Search of the Hispanic Soul* (Cursack Books, 2008).

"I am writing for Hispanics, for people with contact with the Hispanic world or for people who want to learn about the struggles of identity," Falcón said.

The book offers stories from the perspective of a Puerto Rican who long ago left home, but remembers clearly the experiences, smells and flavors of the island. By writing about the stages of the exile's journey in touching and amusing anecdotes,



Falcón reminds readers that "all of us are immigrants to this country, and all of us have roots in another place and time," wrote Professor Emerita of French and Humanities Judith Davis in the book's forward. "Many, if not all of us, also feel, at some time in our lives, the urge to connect with our families and countries of origin."

Falcón was born in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, and has taught Spanish at Goshen College since 1979. He previously wrote the book *Salsa: A Taste of Hispanic Culture* (Praeger Publishers, 1998), which offered his first collection of memories and reflections on Hispanic life. *Mi Gente* is Falcón's first book written in both Spanish and English, and it is available for purchase at the Goshen College bookstore or by contacting Falcón directly at rafaelaf@goshen.edu.

Popular online devotions offer campus voices

The college will again offer an online spiritual resource to help Christian believers reflect on the season of Lent.

Beginning Feb. 25 (Ash Wednesday) and culminating on April 12 (Easter), students, faculty and staff will provide weekday reflections based on lectionary Scripture passages, available online, by daily e-mail or via RSS feed. Many writers will reflect on the Lenten theme: "Our lives are in your hands ..."

The popularity of the devotions continues to grow each year and there are now more than 7,000 online subscribers, representing many different denominational backgrounds and countries. When "Lenten devotions" is searched on Google, Goshen College devotions are listed as number two.

Since 2001, Goshen College annually celebrates special seasons of the church calendar, particularly Advent and Lent, with online devotions. To access the devotions and receive them by e-mail or RSS feed, visit: **www.goshen.edu/devotions.**

2008 Maple Scholars research: wetlands, radiation effects from cancer therapy and Hispanic demographic research

From studying a wetland, to analyzing radiation effects from liver cancer therapy, to conducting a demographics study of the Hispanic population in Elkhart County and surrounding areas, 16 students spent the summer doing intense study and independent research during the college's eight-week Maple Scholars program alongside faculty.

Nicole Bauman (2008 graduate, Shakespeare, Ontario, Canada), a Bible and religion major, worked on a project titled, "Restorative Justice and Its Contemporary Applications," with Associate Professor of Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies Carolyn Schrock-Shenk.

Erin Boers (2008 graduate, Elkhart, Ind.), a peace, justice and conflict studies and social work double major, worked on a project titled, "A Preliminary Needs & Feasibility Assessment for an Ecumenical Peace & Justice Center in Elkhart County Including Conflict Mediation & Legal Advocacy Services," with Associate Professor of Social Work Jeanne Liechty

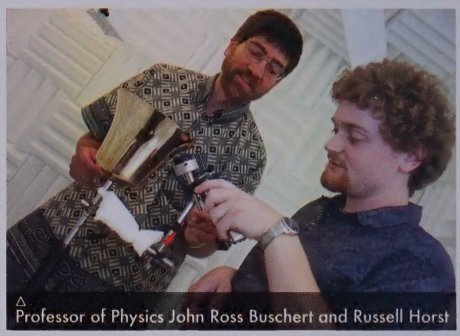
Katie Coleman (Soph., Goshen), a biology major, and **Trevor Kauffman** (2008 graduate, Tiskilwa, Ill.), an environmental studies major, worked on a project titled, "The Efficiency of a Constructed Wetland for the Removal of Triclosan," with Merry Lea Environmental Science Educator Lisa Zinn.

Kelsey Eldredge (Soph., Abington, Pa.), a biology major, researched the color genetics of domestic pigeons, with Professor of Chemistry Dan Smith.

Rebecca Friesen (Sr., Newton, Kan.), a physics and English double major, studied sterol microstructures in biological membranes, with Professor of Physics Carl Helrich.

Matthew Harms (Sr., Ephrata, Pa.), a history major, and **Jonny Meyer** (2008 graduate, Millersburg, Ind.), a Bible and religion and history double major, researched the history and practice of 20th century Mennonite youth ministry, with Campus Pastor Bob Yoder.

Russell Horst (Jr.., Dillon, Mont.), a physics major, studied the acoustics of hand bells, with Professor of Physics John Ross Buschert.



△ Professor of Physics John Ross Buschert and Russell Horst

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Peter Koontz (2008 graduate, Goshen), a history major, worked on a national register application for Stump Homestead, with Professor Emeritus of English Ervin Beck.

Ben Noll (Sr., Lancaster, Pa.), a sociology and theater double major, and **Kelly Shenk** (2008 graduate, Goshen), a history major and social policy minor, did a demographics study of the Hispanic population in Elkhart County and surrounding areas through the college's Center for Intercultural Teaching and Learning (CITL), with CITL Director of Research Robert Reyes.

Gina Richard (Jr., Goshen), a mathematics major, and **Jason Yoder** (2008 graduate, Scottdale, Pa.), a mathematics and computer science double major, worked on a project titled, "Fair Allocation," with Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science David Housman.

Kathryn Schlabach (Jr., Turner, Ore.), a molecular biology/biochemistry major, worked on a project called, "Ultrastructural Analysis of Radiation Effects from Liver Cancer Therapy," with Professor of Biology Stan Grove.

Jennifer Speight (Soph., Cleveland, Ohio), an English major, researched African-American writers and the New York Times Book Review from 1967 to 2002, with Professor of English Ann Hostetler.

Gascho authors environmental stewardship book

Luke Gascho

Executive Director of Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center Luke Gascho is the author of *Creation Care: Keepers of the Earth* – a new book released by MMA this fall on the spiritual basis for environmental stewardship and how people's everyday choices affect air and water quality, energy use and the climate while also impacting their global neighbors.

Readers will find a book filled with personal stories, Scripture references, devotional prayers and thought-provoking discussion questions at the end of each chapter.

The book is the latest edition to the popular Living Stewardship Series – designed for small group or individual study – that helps readers see how they can be good stewards of God's gifts. *Creation Care* costs $12 and can be ordered at www.mma-online.org or by calling (800) 348-7468.

Maple Leafs SCOREBOARD

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Finished seventh at the Mid-Central College Conference Championships. Ben Bouwman (Jr., Woodridge, Ill.) became the program's first individual to compete in Nationals since 2004.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
Finished seventh at the MCC Championships. Laura Harnish (Sr., Flanagan, Ill.) competed as an individual in the Nationals for the third-consecutive year.

GOLF
Won the Goshen College Invitational with a season-low 316 team score. Will compete in the MCC Championships in the spring.

MEN'S SOCCER
9-8-2 (overall), 5-2-1 (MCC)
Made it to its fifth straight MCC Tournament Semifinal

WOMEN'S SOCCER
4-11-1 (overall), 0-7-1 (MCC)

MEN'S TENNIS
7-5 (overall), 3-4 (MCC)
Finished tied for third place at the MCC Championship, their highest finish since 1996.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
3-9 (overall), 0-8 (MCC)
Finished tied for eighth at the MCC Championships.

VOLLEYBALL
20-13 (overall), 4-4 (MCC)
Won 20 matches for the first time since 2003. Reached the MCC Tournament Semifinals for just the second time in program history

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES
The Goshen College Athletic Department received 27 Daktronics-NAIA All American Scholar Athlete Awards this fall. The total does not include tennis – awarded in the spring – and is the most in program history for a single season.

Visit www.goleafs.net to find in-depth game reports, player stats and insider comments about the Goshen College Maple Leafs.

△ Celebrating 50 seasons of soccer: The Goshen College men's soccer program celebrated its 50th anniversary season with a pre-game reception on Oct. 4, during Homecoming Weekend. Among those in attendance were all but one living coach of the program along with players from the original 1958 squad (above, members of the teams of 1971, 1977, 1979), the current Maple Leafs and virtually every step in between. Friendships were renewed and new ones built as Maple Leafs honored the past and supported the future of the program. All told, the team has produced 19 MCC titles, 25 NAIA All Americans, 128 All MCC selections and 456 victories.

JOSH GLEASON

CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER HONORED DURING HOMECOMING

In its third year, the Dr. Ruth Gunden and the Dr. Roman Gingerich Champion of Character Awards presented by the Maple Leafs Athletic Club honor a male and female alumni athlete who exemplify the college's core values in their lives, work and community service. Gunden and Gingerich were pioneers in Goshen College's athletic history.

Trinda H. Bishop '69 – Ruth Gunden Champion of Character Award

While at Goshen College, Trinda Hirschey Bishop '69 competed in field hockey and majored in physical education and health. Since her playing days, she has continued involvement with Goshen College and her community in Colorado.

Bishop received a master's degree from the University of Colorado and taught physical education in Littleton (Colo.) public schools.

She has served on Goshen College's alumni board for five years and is a member of the Maple Leaf Athletic Club and helped start the Gunden/Bishop Athletic Scholarship. At her church, First Mennonite of Denver, she helped organize and establish an endowment fund to provide financial support for students to attend Mennonite colleges. As a teacher, in 2000, Bishop won the Denver Metro Board of Directors Award for commitment to the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart program. She is currently involved in a Reading for Peace program with the Conflict Center in Denver.

Bishop lives in Greenwood Village, Colo., with her husband Tom Bishop '69. The couple has two children: Zachary Bishop '97 and Griffen Bishop O'Shaughnessy '00.

John Ingold '59 – Roman Gingerich Champion of Character Award

It wouldn't be a stretch to say that John Ingold '59 has been one of the biggest supporters of Goshen College athletics throughout his life.

As a student, Ingold competed on the college's first soccer and track and field teams. He was also a captain of the 1958-59 basketball team.

After graduation Ingold completed a doctorate in physical education at the University of Illinois. He began teaching physical education and coaching at Goshen in 1964. During his time at GC, he coached 74 athletic teams and all seven men's sports at least once.

Since retiring as a professor of physical education and coach at Goshen College, Ingold has been at games or meets of any one of Goshen's 14 athletic teams keeping scores or times, and driving athletes to away games. In the past three years Ingold has logged more than 2,000 hours of driving Goshen College athletes.

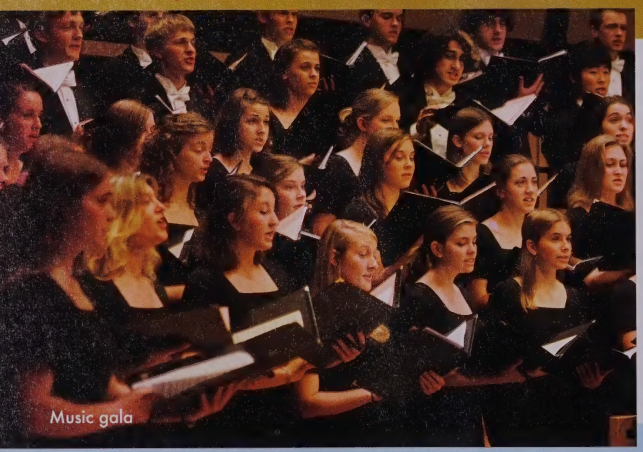
Ingold lives in Goshen with his wife Margaret Miller Ingold '59. The couple has five children: Jay Ingold '84, Jane Ingold Stichter '84, Judy Ramirez Ingold '90, Sue Ingold (deceased) and Joe Ingold '02.

BULLETIN online

Go to www.goshen.edu/bulletin to read more about the 50th anniversary of men's soccer, see a timeline of the program's history with photos, view the complete records of the teams and read a feature on GC soccer fans.

The children's parade celebrating the 40th anniversary of SST

Bulletin online

If you want to relive the highlights or see what you missed, visit www.goshen.edu/alumni/Homecoming where there are photos (including class reunion photos for printing) from the weekend.
And put next year's dates on your calendar: Oct. 2-4, 2009!

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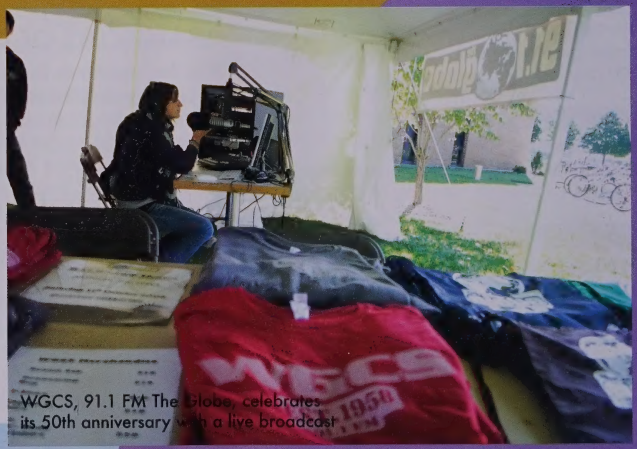

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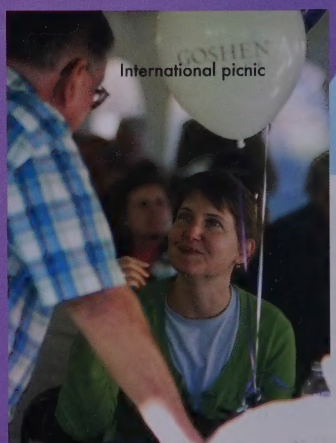

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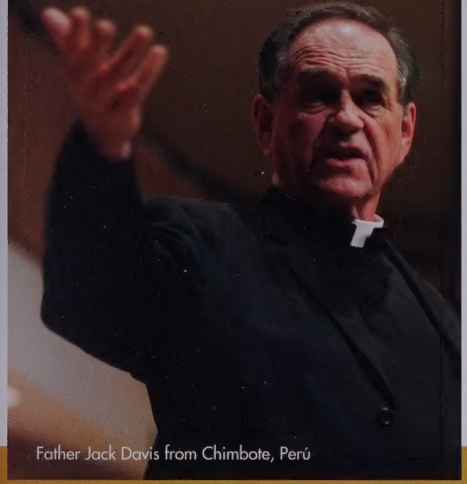

Father Jack Davis from Chimbote, Perú

Hymn sing

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- 720 alumni and their families in attendance
- class reunions: 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003
- alumni awardees honored (for stories, see pages 11 and 18-21)
- celebration of the 40th anniversary of SST: a tea honoring the founders and leaders, a Haitian art exhibit, a children's parade, SST regional dialogues, an international picnic and a presentation by Father Jack Davis from Chimbote, Perú
- music gala
- reception for Associate Professor of Art Judy Wenig-Horswell's retrospective exhibit
- peace plays
- kids' activities
- 3K walk/5K run; volleyball, tennis and soccer matches
- seminars by alumni awardees
- alumni association breakfast with President Brenneman and alumni awardees
- men's soccer 50th reunion
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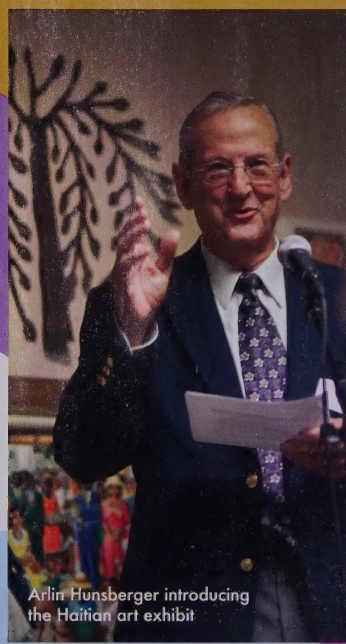

Arlin Hunsberger introducing the Haitian art exhibit

Photos by Jodi H. Beyeler, Emily Miller and Josh Gleason

Class of 1958, 50th class reunion

SST at 40:
Four decades transforming lives

Editor's note: From its modest but revolutionary roots in 1968, Goshen College's Study-Service Term (SST) has changed the world and transformed lives. The program's uncommon combination of cultural education, service-learning and everyday life with host families remains a core part of the college's general education program — and a source of national recognition. The following three articles offer distinct perspectives on SST from the inside out.

>SST at 40

Still on SST, 28 years later

By Duane Stoltzfus '81

The official understanding was that Goshen College was sending my family and me to Perú for one year as faculty directors of the Study-Service Term (SST) program based in Lima. In some respects, though, the college was simply allowing a professor to finish a 28-year-old "incomplete."

Back in 1979, at the end of my sophomore year at Goshen, I went to Costa Rica on SST. The time went too quickly, and my anxiety over being in a foreign country often ran too high. Although I earned full academic credit, I returned to the United States thinking I had failed to take advantage of this great opportunity: to learn Spanish, to develop friendships, to embrace the Latino culture.

Perú closed the circle, as I had the chance to experience not just one additional semester of SST, but three. While there I wrote a blog called "Hoosier Prof in Perú." An early entry shows a newcomer trying to find his footing:

> *As classes get underway in Goshen, I find myself grateful to be here in this place where I am a student first, and a professor second. Surprisingly, there's satisfaction in feeling out of control, in not having answers at the ready, in not knowing how to do things, in not knowing what to say. The other day our doorman was totally flummoxed when I said, "Que tiempo hace?" which is standard textbook Spanish for "How's the weather?" I blamed my poor accent until I learned that in Perú, one simply asks, "Como esta el clima?"*
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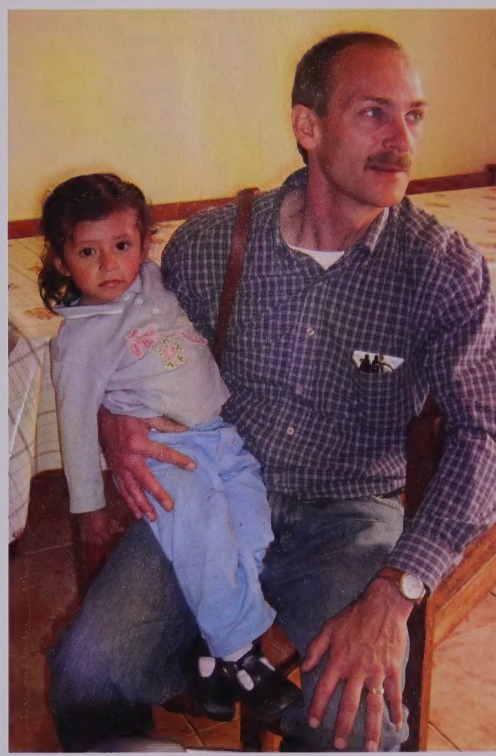
> *When we set aside our own competencies, or assumed competencies, Henri Nouwen writes, we get in touch with a part of ourselves that is usually hidden by defenses. We become like children again. We're free to ask questions. We admit mistakes. We see how much we have in common with others, instead of what we can hold above them. We discover anew, he says, "our vocation to live graceful lives."*



Duane Stoltzfus with a Peruvian child, summer 2008

If the question is, "What did you learn?" – the best answer might be a little about a lot. A dear friend and one of our Spanish instructors in Perú, Oswaldo Aguirre, recently sent me a book titled *101 Reasons to Be Proud of Perú* (Machu Picchu is there to be sure, but so also is the potato and Caral, the oldest city in the Americas). The book is a sampler, not unlike the experience of an SST leader hurrying around Lima (indigenous ruins today, a museum visit tomorrow) during the study weeks and then riding buses into the highlands, along the desert coast and down into the jungle,

LEFT: Three SST journals from students who went to Tanzania in the spring of 2008.

on service visits.

If the question is, "What did you gain?" – the best answer might be friendships, and not just with Peruvians. On my office door this year I have photos of our three SST groups, 63 students in all, under the heading: "*Hijas e Hijos, 2007-2008, Que viva el Perú!*" Each face on these photos of our adopted daughters and sons triggers singular memories: singing to a tearful woman lying on a hospice bed, clearing rubble from a collapsed house, reading a Spanish-language Bible by candlelight on a coffee farm, performing an Andean dance.

The Institute of International Education's 2008 report on study abroad puts Goshen College among the top schools in the country for participation: Goshen ranked No. 13, with 82.5 percent of students studying abroad at some point in their college careers. Since the launching of SST as a pioneer venture in 1968, more than 7,100 students and 230 leaders have traveled through the program.

The unique blend of cultural education and service-learning still inspires. In my final blog entry, written hours before we left Lima, I mention the book *Encore: Finding Work that Matters in the Second Half of Life*. The author, Marc Freedman, describes what is being recognized as a new life stage: the 10 or 20 or more years after the end of one's primary career and before bed rest. Baby Boomers increasingly want to make a contribution, given their economic resources, life skills and deep circle of social contacts.

If Goshen College developed an SST program for older adults, a program that would include language learning, field trips and lectures, along with service assignments in cities across the country, all the while living with host families, would people sign up? I'll bet they would. I know I'd like the chance to earn an advanced degree in SST.

Duane Stoltzfus is professor of communication and chair of the department. During the 2007-2008 school year, Stoltzfus and his wife, Karen, led the Study-Service Term unit in Perú.

BULLETIN online Go to www.goshen.edu/bulletin for a link to Stoltzfus' blog, "Hoosier Prof in Peru" or to learn more about the SST program, view videos, read blogs and see photos.

Sally Weaver Glick in Costa Rica as SST unit leader, 1992-93

>SST at 40

Still my father's SST

By Sally Weaver Glick '79

We celebrate 40 years of Goshen's Study-Service Term (SST) this year, but SST began influencing me even earlier, when it was still just a gleam in the eyes of the Committee on the Future of the College. In the fall of 1966, then-President Mininger and my father, Henry D. Weaver, traveled to a number of Central American countries, visiting possible locations for the proposed program. Every day Dad bought a colorful postcard, scribbled a nearly indecipherable message and sent it to one of his children. And in each country he bought a small doll dressed in local garb for us. The message was clear – SST meant travel to fascinating foreign places. I was hooked.

Over the years, I've had the opportunity to experience SST from a variety of angles: as a faculty leader's child (Poland, 1975), as an SSTer myself (Costa Rica, 1977), as a co-leader with my husband, John (Costa Rica, 1992-93), and as a parent (David in Ethiopia, 2005; Beth in China, 2008). Locations and technology have changed, but SST is still SST, and it is much more than the tourism that intrigued me as a child.

True, travel to foreign destinations is usually part of the package. This fall we sent our daughter Beth off to China with hugs, tears and the traditional prayer circle at the south portico of the Union. As the charter bus lumbered away, several parents grudgingly decided that the scheduled ride to O'Hare, three plane flights and 30 hours of travel were roughly equivalent to our own SST memories of 24-hour bus or van trips to Miami and a flight to a host country.

But SST is about much more than travel adventure. At its heart is intimate interaction with another culture, learning its language and its history and connecting with its people. The amount of connection varies due to circumstances, of course. This fall, for the first time the Chinese SSTers were able to stay with host families instead of in a dorm. Beth felt warmly welcomed by both her families, and well fed, experiencing that refrain familiar to me from my experiences in Poland and Costa Rica: "Here, have some more of this – you aren't eating enough!"

With the connections SSTers now have with home via e-mail, Facebook and Skype, some may be tempted to exclaim, "This is not your father's SST!" There have been changes over the years, to be sure, but the key elements of the original proposal are still there: an international term that provides contact with another, very different culture, in a group led by a GC professor, with a period of study and a period of service. And that contact, whatever facet of SST we have experienced, has touched and changed many lives. I'm still hooked.

Sally Weaver Glick lives in Goshen and is a writer and congregational consultant.

>SST at 40

Earning my global citizenship badge

By Maria Byler '10

Just before I left for Study-Service Term (SST) in Nicaragua this past summer, some of my friends got back from the spring Tanzania trip and were showing me their pictures. They had all the stereotypical Goshen College Web site pictures: hordes of cute kids, lots of dusty and shabby houses, brightly colored street scenes. It was making me really excited to leave. I knew the story. It was going to be really hard, but I would learn a lot, experience hospitality and, *voila*, I would come back a Global Citizen.

I figured if anything I was more prepared for SST than your average GC student. I've taken a decent amount of Spanish, am generally adaptable and am not very high maintenance. I've traveled a lot. I figured "roughing it" would be easy.

There were things, though, that were very difficult about SST, and they were surprising to me in their difficulty. The biggest learning experience for me was day-to-day living in an entirely new place: it's just so different from reading about it, looking at pictures on the Internet or even traveling. I am used to an easy life – there is no way around it.

Some parts of my time in Nicaragua were hard for me. Despite my above-average language skills, there were times when I was lonely, sick of Spanish and wanted to be somewhere where things were comfortable for me like they often are in the United States. That was definitely a challenge. I was expecting to breeze right through that aspect of the cross-cultural experience all ready to take my Mennonite Central Committee post, or whatever I wanted, after college. This reminded me that I cannot just adapt to wherever I am, on a whim. I have to work to live in a new place. This was difficult to learn, and I could not have done it without a three-month cross-cultural experience.

Not all lessons from SST have been so disappointing. Anything I could say about SST sounds so bland compared to what I experienced. There is no way to explain making real, dear friends with people who don't even speak my primary language, playing hopscotch with all the women of my host family or learning new vocabulary from my 6-year-old students. One of the most influential lessons has been the realization that my host family, which doesn't own half the stuff in my U.S. house, has everything they need and are happy with that. These are lessons that were so humbling, and that no amount of access to information or preparedness could teach me. I could not learn them any other way than by living them.

A few days ago I was looking at my pictures from SST. I noticed I had all the typical SST pictures just like everyone else, but I also saw that for me they're more than just prerequisites for my global citizenship badge. They're connected to memories that have changed me. I was affected by my experience in a way that was entirely surprising to me, and will continue to be affected for a very long time. B

Maria Byler is a junior social work major from Goshen. She shared this perspective during a special SST anniversary convocation on Sept. 29, 2008.

Maria Byler teaches for her SST service assignment in Nicaragua, summer 2008.

Facts about SST:

- Started in 1968 as one of the first colleges or universities in the United States to include international education as part of graduation requirements.
- 7,144 students have gone abroad through SST; each unit includes 15-23 students.
- 230 faculty and spouses have led SST.
- Since SST began, student and faculty participants have traveled about 134,600,000 miles, and stayed with almost 14,000 host families.
- SST units have gone to 22 countries. Current locations: China, Nicaragua, Tanzania, Germany, Senegal, Perú, Jamaica and Cambodia.
- In the 2009 *U.S. News & World Report* "Best College" rankings, GC was listed among 32 top colleges and universities with outstanding study abroad programs for SST. Goshen was ranked sixth for the percentage of graduates studying abroad, with 85 percent.
- 91.5 percent of GC alumni say that "SST was one of my most important life experiences."
- SST participants keep a journal to record their observations and reflections throughout the 13-week experience. These journals are so important that 75 percent of SST alumni said they kept their journals upon returning home.
- Students receive 13 graded credit hours for completion of SST, including credits for language, history, culture, art, literature and nature.

2008 ALUMNI AWARDS

Culture for Service Awards and the Decade of Servant Leadership Award

By Tyler Falk '09 and Judy Weaver '81 Photography by Jodi H. Beyeler

During Homecoming Weekend 2008, the college honored four alumni with Culture for Service Awards, named for the college's motto and initiated in 1989, and one recent alumna with the fourth annual Decade of Servant Leadership Award, which recognizes young alumni who are making significant contributions to their communities, church and world.

Awarded by the Goshen College Alumni Board, the 2008 Culture for Service Awards were given to **Dale Kempf '78** of Libertyville, Ill., **Jim '65 and Virginia Mast Mininger '65** of Hesston, Kan., and **Paul Myers '66** of Akron, Pa. The 2008 Decade of Servant Leadership Award was given to **Janna Hunter-Bowman '00**, who currently resides in Bogotá, Colombia, and is from Bally, Pa.

Dale Kempf '78

Culture for Service Awardee

Dale Kempf

From a young age Dale Kempf '78 had a passion for science. "My cousin and I used to do experiments with our chemistry set until my aunt kicked us out of their basement for creating too many bad smells," Kempf said. Fortunately for him, and millions of people around the world, his enthusiasm wasn't diminished.

Kempf initially enrolled in Hesston College as a music major, but when he found himself helping friends with their chemistry homework, he switched to a chemistry major when he came to Goshen College. After completing a doctorate in organic chemistry at the University of Illinois, Kempf went on to work at Abbott Laboratories, where he and his colleagues invented some of the most potent antiviral drugs in the world.

One of the ground-breaking discoveries for Kempf and his colleagues was an HIV protease inhibitor called Norvir. This discovery provided a significant advancement in the treatment of HIV and AIDS, helping bring the disease to undetectable levels and increasing the quality of life for people with HIV. Kempf and his fellow researchers continued to work to improve their drug, which led to the invention of Kaletra, an extremely potent HIV drug that doesn't decrease in effectiveness over time. In fact, it is so effective that in a clinical study, 99 percent of patients who had no past experience with HIV treatment had undetectable levels of HIV in their blood. Kaletra was also the first HIV drug to be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in children as young as 6 months old. In 2002, Kaletra became the leading prescribed drug of its kind in the world.

"Although, the HIV epidemic worldwide is still devastating, it's not more drugs that are needed anymore, rather more access, more prevention and more education," Kempf said. "Today, the available therapies allow someone with HIV infection to avoid the devastation of that disease indefinitely."

Because of his discoveries, he has received many awards, including National Inventor of the Year in 1997 and the Heroes of Chemistry Award from the American Chemical Society in 2003. Kempf is also co-author of more than 120 scientific publications and co-inventor of more than 50 U.S. patents.

Kempf lives in Libertyville, Ill., with his wife Kay Miller Kempf '77. They attend North Suburban Mennonite Church and have two sons who are Goshen College students: Scott, a sophomore, and David, a senior.

im and Virginia Mast Mininger

Jim '65 and Virginia Mast Mininger '65

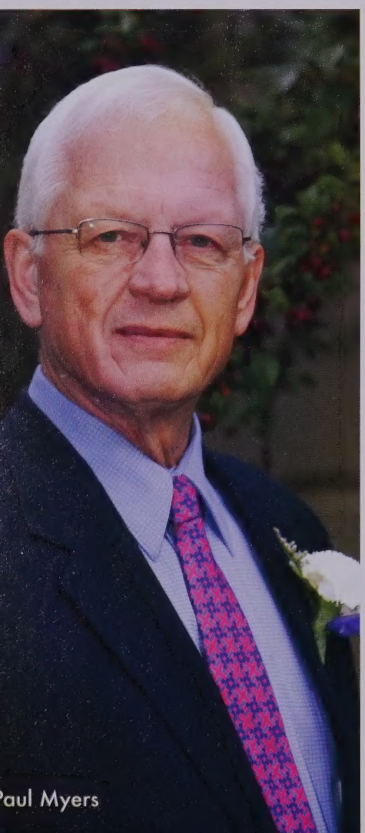
Culture for Service Awardees

After years working in education, and with both of their children in college, Jim '65 and Virginia Mast Mininger '65 took their knowledge overseas. In 1995, they began working in the former Soviet Union – modern day Lithuania – at LCC International University (formerly Lithuania Christian College). Jim served as president and Virginia served as a professor of written communication and English, and as the donor communications coordinator.

LCC International University was founded as an English speaking, Christian liberal-arts institution in 1991. "As a person who had been an academic dean for 17 years and as a historian whose field is European history, I was particularly intrigued with what it might mean to establish a Christian liberal arts university in the territory of what at that time was still very much the former Soviet Union," Jim said.

Prior to going to Lithuania, Jim had served as a history instructor and as academic dean at Hesston College and Virginia had been a middle school teacher and a music instructor at Hesston College. At Hesston, Jim was an influential teacher and gifted administrator who established an annual Global Issues Seminar.

The Miningers took that interest and their passion to cross cultural and geographical boundaries to Lithuania. Virginia continued to support the students, giving special attention to scholarship students from Eastern European nations still recovering from the impact of the Soviet years.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Paul Myers '66

Culture for Service Awardee

When Paul Myers '66 became the CEO of Ten Thousand Villages in 1989, international development was nothing new to him.

Since graduating from Goshen College with a degree in economics, Myers has been working to assist people in poverty. "My interests for many years have been the issues of poverty and the quest for solutions for families caught in these terrible situations," Myers said.

After receiving a master's degree in international economics and problems of the developing world from the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland, Myers began his quest in 1975 with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) as the Bangladesh country director. He served in Bangladesh for six years, soon after the country gained independence and following years of extreme drought and floods. During his tenure, Myers directed a program that addressed the challenges in food production, processing and storage, in maternal child healthcare, in family planning, in income and employment generation and in providing emergency assistance. "I learned more in those six years than at any other time in my life," Myers said. "Those experiences, friendships and lessons continue to nourish and energize me."

Myers went on to be the director of Middle East and South Asia programs for MCC for eight years. "I learned two critical things during this period," Myers said. "First, the importance of religion, both good and bad, in the development process … second, I increasingly became aware that local leadership was not only always available, but was essential to any effective solution. I am convinced that the solutions to poverty will generally be found among the poor themselves."

Beginning in 1989, Myers was the CEO of Ten Thousand Villages, an organization that imports fair trade handicrafts from around the world to a chain of stores across the United States, for 16 years. "I learned that to develop and cultivate relationships of trust and common interest is a powerful means to addressing the basic needs of the poor," he said.

Myers is now working as president of the International Fair Trade Association, where he also volunteers as chair of International Development Enterprises.

"Paul's career has been based on empowering others by providing them with an opportunity to develop," said his friend Llenay Ferritti. "The respect he has for those he serves is demonstrated in his view of equality in the relationship."

Myers lives in Akron, Pa., with his wife Kate Myers. They attend Akron (Pa.) Mennonite Church and have four children: Elsie Penner '93, Patrick Myers, Antony Myers and Sheila Myers '02.

"In my years of teaching at Hesston College, I became increasingly convinced that students needed to be persuaded to look beyond their immediate homes and often beyond the U.S. to fully grasp the direction their lives might take," Jim said. "In the process of teaching in this manner, I also persuaded myself."

Virginia models authentic global citizenship as she works with students from many different economic and cultural backgrounds. "Her spirit of love and acceptance was validated through her service to the students and broader community in Lithuania," writes Goshen College Professor of Art John Blosser '70.

Arriving at LCC International University when it was only four years old, Jim brought his own brand of servant leadership, often teaching while also serving as president. His willingness to learn the language and history of Lithuania earned him respect, as did his academic credentials and his resolve and wisdom in negotiating the complex systems of the Lithuanian government, which threatened to close the doors of the young university several times.

On campus, Jim gently challenged young adults from many different countries, faiths and political persuasions to thoughtfully examine their moral, theological and ethical assumptions. He stood with them as a teacher, leader and model of a Christ-centered life. After a series of racial assaults on LCC students, Jim met with national and civic leaders, spoke at a rally in downtown Klaipeda and initiated a diversity workshop to be taken into the public schools by LCC personnel.

Under Jim's leadership, the university earned Lithuanian accreditation, grew in enrollment, became an international affiliate of the U.S.-based Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, established its first graduate program and is now seeking U.S. accreditation.

From its small beginnings of 110 students – many of whom were studying English to get into the bachelor's degree program – and about 20 faculty members, LCC International University has grown to approximately 800 students, 50 professors and 50 staff persons. Of the students, 24 countries from around the world are represented and 50 percent are from a country outside Lithuania, making it a truly international campus.

"The approach to education developed at LCC is based on the Christian liberal arts model used by Goshen and Hesston," Virginia said. "The model of studying core general education courses that builds a framework for further study in a declared major area of study is not offered in Eastern European universities."

The Miningers completed their term in July 2008 and have moved back to Hesston, Kan., where they attend Hesston Mennonite Church. They have two sons: J.D. Mininger '97 and Matthew Mininger.

Janna Hunter-Bowman

Janna Hunter-Bowman '00

Decade of Servant Leadership Awardee

After Janna Hunter-Bowman graduated from Goshen College in 2000 with a degree in anthropology and sociology she knew she wanted to do something different and meaningful.

"I first learned of Colombian Mennonites through a letter sent to U.S. churches in 2000. It warned that, if passed, the bill before the U.S. Congress for 'Plan Colombia' (a military aid package) would make the work of Colombian peace builders more difficult and dangerous," Hunter-Bowman said. "At the time I was longing for more radical peace action from the North American Mennonite church. Upon learning of this politically astute and action-oriented Mennonite community, I wanted to participate."

In 2001, Hunter-Bowman moved to Bogotá, Colombia, to work with Justapaz, a Christian center for justice, peace and nonviolent action. She was active in developing a program that advocates public policy changes to promote peace in Colombia based in primary source documentation of human rights violations against churches. Along with this, she also documents stories of faith-based peace initiatives throughout Colombia.

"The goal of the documentation program is to contribute to truth, justice and a nonviolent solution to the armed conflict," Hunter-Bowman said. "The real-life stories are our foundation for the recommendations we make to governments – both here in Colombia and internationally."

Since she began working with Justapaz in 2001, she started a sister peace church program and has worked as the international education and advocacy program coordinator, in which she investigates the effects of U.S. policy on churches and civil society in general.

After spending six years in Colombia, she has fallen in love with the country and its people. "Colombia offers the world more than coffee and cocaine," Hunter-Bowman said. "The enduring faithful who creatively confront the death-dealing powers to transform conflict and seek peace have much to teach us. They both invite and indict. They invite radical discipleship that gives hope; they indict the narratives of imperial power, lies and tepid Christianity."

Hunter-Bowman lives in Colombia with her husband Jess and her 7-month-old daughter Amara, and attends Teusaquillo Mennonite Church. Hunter-Bowman is originally from Bally, Pa. B

FAITH and POLITICS

DON'T HAVE TO DIVIDE US

The 2008 presidential campaign was loud, long and angry, with widespread divisions over the candidates' political, and even religious, beliefs. The simple premise that "faith and politics don't have to divide us" was the basis of a special Goshen College Web site – **www.goshen.edu/election08** *– that was created during the 2008 presidential election. Instead of focusing on things that pull us apart, it sought to be a forum of respect, truth seeking and grace.*

It was a place for students, faculty, staff, alumni and retired faculty to share their viewpoints on the intersection of faith and politics. Following are a sampling of opinions written for "Faith and Politics."

— **Bulletin** *editors*

Finding my own views

By Kate Walker '11, communication major from Bluffton, Ohio

At my high school in rural Ohio I was part of a small group of students who were thought of as rebellious and unpatriotic, and given names like "hippy" and "tree-hugger." I was a Democrat.

I don't mean to say that I especially minded these labels. In fact, I embraced them. I didn't wish I could fit in with my school's very conservative political scene, and I never felt embarrassed about my views.

… Last fall, I came to college, looking forward to finally being part of a community where, for the most part, I would be in the majority with my political views. Gone were the days of tirelessly defending my views about the war, the death penalty and the country's economic situation whenever an election rolled around. I was excited to finally be able to talk about my political views with people who actually agreed with me.

For the first few months of college, I enjoyed this new freedom. It was so much easier to talk about politics when all of my friends held the same pro-peace and justice views as I did, and to be able to finally vent my frustrations about the opposing viewpoint. But as the first semester went by, I started to wonder: Was I really thinking for myself?

I began to realize that I had become the people at my high school. As a member of the majority I looked down on people with opposing views, and I adopted my family and friends' ideas, rather than exploring my own. We may have been members of different parties, but my high school classmates and I were exactly alike. All it took was a bit of time in the mainstream for me to realize it. …

Learning from basketball

By John J. Fisher '48, professor emeritus of English

On the heels of the current election, another series of competitive encounters is getting under way: basketball. There are parallels.

For instance: (1) weekly win-lose records of mounting emotional intensity, (2) organized local/national-level competitions, (3) degrees of integration between stars and team players, (4) a final contest between winners and losers with their respective supporters, (5) looking toward "next time."

These parallel rituals are resolved not so much by number four, as by number five. How do winners and losers carry on together?

They recall once more that it's not the end of the world. The world – whether as school, state or nation – still stands. The attention of basketball players, coaches and fans together soon turns to next season. Likewise, politicians and their constituencies soon turn the sigh of an ending into the call to another new beginning. …

Curbing the inner barbarians

By Judy Weaver '81, development and grant writer

In *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe*, there is a character who doesn't know he is a descendant of Attila the Hun. He can't figure out why herds of marauders in fuzzy hats occasionally charge through his consciousness. That is sort of how I feel when people start disagreeing about politics: they turn into ranting barbarians. I've noticed that I am not immune to this – possibly something in the family ancestry my parents forgot to tell me.

Several years ago while working for a state agency, my coworkers and I got into a lunchroom conversation about the looming war in Iraq. When I shared that I had attended a recent anti-war rally, one of my workplace friends turned a little red. She said that Saddam Hussein was a murdering maniac and that war was the only way to stop him, and that no informed, intelligent person could come to any other conclusion. The bitterness and anger of her statement pretty much shut down any further discussion! The group awkwardly switched to other topics, and I spent the rest of the afternoon feeling offended and ticked off. A few angry Huns galloped through my brain.

Later, I described the conversation to my teenage son. "Yeah, that seems to be how people usually react to someone with the opposite point of view," he observed. "They assume the other person just doesn't really understand what's going on." This calm wisdom coming from one so young completely swept away my feelings of offense toward my coworker. I knew it described me as well as her. The Huns relaxed, took a deep breath and went off for a smoke in their yurts.

Once I put aside my hurt feelings, I did understand why she favored war with Iraq. She is a Cambodian immigrant whose family barely escaped the Khmer Rouge genocide of the 1970s. She saw in Saddam Hussein another Pol Pot. This understanding allowed me to squelch my inner barbarian and be open to many more interesting conversations with her about war, the danger of corrupt leaders and the life events that form us and our opinions. Our friendship deepened. If we hadn't disagreed, that wouldn't have happened. And it was much more interesting than just sticking to our guns.

I believe it does matter who gets elected. Choosing leaders is important, even scary, when you think about how that one powerful person could affect the things about which you care most deeply. But there is something else that matters, too: the interactions right here, with my family, friends and coworkers. It takes work to overcome that anger and offense you feel when someone stomps on your opinion. …

Faith as political identity

By Frank E. Johnson, special assistant to the president

... As of this writing, I am not a Mennonite. My faith has been rooted in the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition all my life. Not only I am accustomed to voting, singing the "Star Spangled Banner" with some degree of gusto, but annual Fourth of July worship services including actual flag-waving by congregations brightly colored by a patchwork of active duty military personnel and veterans in uniform.

As a member of the orchestra at one such congregation, I have to admit it was tough to stay focused on the music as we would play the "hymn" for each service branch. With nearly 3,000 people worshipping in this manner, I considered it normative. Well, maybe not the 3,000 part; it was a rather large church. Further complicating things, while trained professionally as a U.S. historian, I did not need to read about the past to know of the sacrifice upon which our freedom rests. With one Coast Guard person excepted, many of the men in my own family have been U.S. Marines, decorated for their valor and service – and this gratitude, expressed in medals and ribbons, presumably came from the "We the people" identified in the U.S. Constitution.

I have recently started worshipping in a Mennonite church. I do so not because of my affiliation with Goshen College, but because I have encountered a faith tradition that is compelling me not only to ask new questions of myself, but how faith informs daily life. Quite honestly, I am not sure that I would be perceived as a potential candidate of choice, so to speak, for any Mennonite congregation. I hail from rural, red-neck people who just "do Church differently" (properly said in the vernacular, "do Church different").

So, what does this election mean to me? Before putting my paper ballot in the envelope, I stopped to reflect on the fact that the slate of candidates was historic. This was a moment of joy. Yet, I also was reminded of the many who remain disenfranchised or are otherwise devalued by social, political and economic systems perpetuated by the very process in which I had just participated. This thought took some air out of my joy bubble. People were in line and growing somewhat impatient with my musings, so I moved on. …

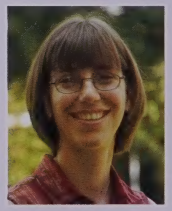
Regardless of who wins the political races, I pray that we might be willing agents of grace through whom God can work regarding a much difference "race." For those who are not believers, I challenge you to entertain the possibility that a personal faith journey might be an alternative worth exploring. For believers, let us, like the Apostle Paul, "finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given [us] – the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." It is worth noting that this might come at the cost of "prison and hardships" (Acts 20:23-24). …

Local public service keeps my mind and heart from arguing with each other

By Allan Kauffman '71, mayor of the City of Goshen

As a member of the Church of the Brethren, I am part of a body that sees a responsibility to seek the mind of Christ, simply, peacefully, together. With regard to local politics, there aren't a lot of issues that create much friction between faith and action. At a local level, we don't have to argue about abortion, war, gay marriage or other issues that divide "conservatives" from "liberals." We do such things as pick up trash, build sewers, pave roads, plow snow, provide recreation and provide for public safety. I'm grateful to be involved in local public service, where my mind and heart don't have to argue with each other.

When it comes to state and national politics, I want candidates whose faith causes them to believe that the federal budget, peace, justice, welfare, health care and the environment are moral issues. And I'd like to know that they are at least trying to understand and respond to those issues as compassionately as would Jesus. …



Reflections of an alien

By Tamara Shantz, assistant campus pastor

As a newcomer to the American political scene, the past four years of living in this nation has been a time of learning for me, and also a time of frequent exclamations of surprise. As a Canadian, I was most surprised by the strong party affiliations that function here. Growing up, I didn't even know who my parents were voting for, let alone what political party they typically aligned with. In the few national elections I have voted in, I have yet to vote for the same party twice. I have also been surprised by the stalwart commitment of many Christians to single-issue voting. It seems to me that for many in the church, faith informs some aspects of political thought, but not all. …

… I think it is crucial that we ask each other the hard questions of how our faith informs our political positions, and whether they do. I also think that it is crucial that we ask our political candidates, even those we like, the questions that no one else is asking. For example, if they aren't talking about the Patriot Act and the use of torture by the military, then we need to ask them what their position is on that issue. As Christians, I do believe we are called to engage in the political system, but never so fully that we lose our ability to bring a prophetic word when necessary.

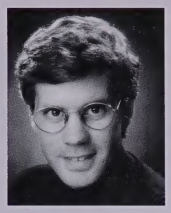
Am I my brother's keeper? Yes!

By Malinda Berry '96, visiting assistant professor of religion

In Genesis 4:9, God asks Cain where Abel is, Cain snaps back with an impertinent question: "He said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?'" I think Cain knows, like we know, that the answer to his question is, "Yes!" I believe that God expects us to be one another's keeper. We can live up to this expectation in part by using our governmental structures and resources to build a society in which everyone has enough of what they need. Building such a society requires cultivating and electing creative, trustworthy, honest political leadership, and this is the biggest challenge.

A couple of years ago, I stumbled across Shola Lynch's 2005 documentary Chisholm '72. Thanks to the Internet, I was able to order my own copy of the DVD. After being completely entranced by Shirley Chisholm's political vision, I again traveled the information superhighway, this time in search of her memoir, *Unbought and Unbossed*, which I found through a Web-based used bookstore. I even bought some vintage campaign pins on eBay!

Chisholm was elected to Congress and ran for president before I was even born, and yet there is something about what she represented in her time and what she represents today that has left an indelible imprint on my political views. Like her, I cannot support candidates who, after weighing all the options, choose to allow corporations and/or corporate interests to determine public policy, whether we're talking about recycling, local economic development, affordable medication and housing, public education that values all kinds of children, or dealing with those who, like Cain, forget their obligations to the greater good. …



The primacy of faith and the limits of political action

By Matthew Hill, professor of music

Life in Jesus Christ is the truest expression of who we are: our identity is rooted in His love. This life in God's Son is lived by faith and through the gift of grace we can live, even in our temporal existence, as daughters and sons of God. When lived with a full prayerful understanding of these essential truths, faith becomes an integral part of all that we are. This includes informing our decisions in the political spectrum. To deny faith, or to compartmentalize faith into simply our personal "opinion," is to lose sense of the value, meaning, and impact of faith.

We are created as social beings, and politics is one important way within a democracy for people to interact and exchange ideas and opinions. Politics can be the catalyst toward the creation of laws that either promote human dignity, or degrade it. Our system of governance is informed by, and also informs, the moral public consciousness. If we have "whatever happens" as our political motto then we risk the creation of governmental systems and laws that can grow increasingly hostile to the values of Christian faith.

But politics is limited, and the political slogans of any campaign should not lead us into believing that human effort alone is capable of creating a perfect utopian society. …

… Christ established a criterion between the temporal and the eternal, and always directs our attention toward the one true good, God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The political spectrum is one means by which our decisions should be informed by a conscience that is fully formed by the truth of faith. We can never forget, however, that as hopeful as we may be with the outcome of any political process, it is our shared faith in Christ that can plant the seeds of grace that manifest God's loving will.

Let's listen to each other

By Jesse Shaver '09, a computer science major from Seattle, Wash.

As I follow politics, I am always struck, and saddened by, the general unwillingness to listen. "Because I know the Truth, everyone else must not unless they agree entirely with me. Because I now have a monopoly on absolute Truth, there is no reason for me to listen to others."

Although this mentality is common across all parts of politics, Christians (and organized religions in general) seem exceptionally good at falling into this trap because "my interpretation of the will of God is perfect and my application of that interpretation to every other subject is perfect, there is no reason that I should listen to anyone else." This view strikes me as both conceited (are we really that special that God has chosen to share God's entire Truth with us and only us?) and deluded (can we in our finiteness even fully understand the will of an infinite, omnipotent God?).

If we would simply stop and listen to each other, I think we would find that there are things we can teach each other, and more importantly, things we can learn from each other as we collectively strive to move closer to God's will. B

PLAYS ABOUT HISTORIC SAINTS HONOR THE MEMORY OF FORMER STUDENT

Last fall, Goshen College student Deanne Binde performed as the lead in the college's fall mainstage play, "Step on a Crack." This fall, her very good friend Angie Noah (left) performed as Binde in the fall mainstage play.

After Binde's life was cut tragically short in May 2008 when she died in a car crash while driving home to Minnesota, her death touched off a reaction that culminated in the world premiere of a play written especially for her.

"The Saint Plays" by Erik Ehn are a series of short plays that link saints from the past with ordinary people, and six of them were performed by the theater department Oct. 31-Nov. 9.

Exploring the connectedness between historical saints, contemporary life, earthly existence, spirit and eternity, "The Saint Plays" were about Joan of Arc, John the Baptist, St. Eulalia and St. George who fought a dragon. In addition, Ehn wrote a special piece about St. Rose of Viterbo, one of the two saints that mark Binde's birthdate.

Binde, a junior Roman Catholic student, touched the lives of many people on campus during her years as a communication and theater major. After her death, Michelle Milne (right), who had taught and directed Binde, decided to stage "The Saint Plays," by Ehn, a Catholic award-winning, internationally-renownedplaywright.

Though Ehn, dean of the theater program at the California Institute of the Arts, did not know Binde and hadn't written a play about the saint connected with Binde's birthdate, he quickly offered to write a piece about Rose of Viterbo and Binde's life when Milne contacted him. In the play, Ehn included stories about Binde and quotes by her.

While honoring Binde through theater, her former director and fellow cast mates found new challenges. "Working on this play written for Deanne has been difficult. How do you cast for a play about someone you know, with people who were her friends?" said Milne. I think Deanne would have loved this play and this process though. And without her and her spirit, this wouldn't have been possible. There are many times when we are on the stage working and I can feel and know that Deanne is still here with us."

– By Jodi H. Beyeler

"The Saint Plays" was selected for inclusion in the American College Theater Festival, Region III, in Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 6-11, 2009. This is the first time the college has entered a production as a "participating" entry in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF), meaning that the fully mounted production was performed in the competition.

INTERPRETING FOR OBAMA ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR SIGN LANGUAGE PROFESSOR

When then-U.S. Sen. Barack Obama came to Elkhart, Ind., for a presidential campaign town hall meeting on Aug. 6, thousands of people wanted to hear his every word. But for those who couldn't hear the candidate, Goshen College Assistant Professor of American Sign Language Julie Armstrong (left) was able to convey the message.

A good interpreter must be a good performer, Armstrong said. She had to portray the tone and intent of the speaker all of the time, and yet when the speaking stopped, she had to be completely neutral as well. As an interpreter, she also can't twitch, scratch or be visibly distracting. "It is very physically fatiguing," she said.

For Armstrong, interpreting for a presidential candidate was all in a day's work and wasn't about her political perspective. She has interpreted for a number of high-profile people before, including mayors and governors from both the Republican and Democratic parties. "And I would have interpreted for (U.S. Sen.) John McCain if he came too," she said.

Armstrong holds national certification as an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, is a doctoral candidate and has 15 years of experience as an interpreter. And there are very few other ASL interpreters in the region with those qualifications.

Some of Armstrong's preparation for the event included doing Internet research on the issues she expected Sen. Obama to speak about, reading his recent speeches and watching videos of other speeches he has given. These gave her a sense of his word choices, his rhythm and his pacing when he speaks. In addition, she always listens to national news, because in this line of work – when you never know who will need an interpreter – "staying up on world knowledge is so important," she said. "I have to be able to rattle 'Afghanistan' off my hands right now."

As a professor of ASL and interpreting, Armstrong's students benefit from her regularly using her skills in real settings. "I believe I have to be able to interpret to be able to teach interpreting," she said. "It is important to keep a close connection with the Deaf community and to create solidarity with them. It is important for them to know I am an interpreter first and a teacher second."

But what really motivates Armstrong in her work is meeting a significant need of an underserved community. "It is important to me to be part of providing access for the Deaf community," she said.

– By Jodi H. Beyeler

ALUMNI CROSSINGS

Kelli Burkholder King '77
Director of Alumni Relations

OUR LEGACY SHOULD BE A CAMPUS OPEN TO ALL WHO SHARE OUR VALUES

At the alumni breakfast during Homecoming, President Jim Brenneman reminded the audience of the value of Goshen College's "legacy" students – those from families in which either one or both parents attended GC. This fall, 41 percent of our first-years were legacy students, which is significantly higher than the national average of 8.8 percent. These students are important to GC and we value them.

In many families, two or even three generations of students have attended GC. Parents (and possibly grandparents) wanted their children to also experience a GC education along with spiritual development on our campus, a nurturing community and fulfilling relationships with other students, faculty and staff. The experiences students gain at GC will influence the friends they later make, the churches they attend, the professions they choose, the service they commit themselves to and the communities they join.

That's why, as President Brenneman also stated at the alumni breakfast, "This is too good of a place to keep to ourselves. We need to continue to invite new people to join us in this journey we are on that is shaped by our core values. … And because our core is clear, we are able to fling our doors wide open to all and say loudly 'you are welcome here' to all who want to be part of an institution shaped by these core values."

At Goshen College, we treasure all our students, which is why we embrace students from many faith traditions and nations and from many races, ethnicities and backgrounds. We want each student to feel welcome. As Joe Liechty, chair of the Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies Department, stated in a convocation this fall, "GC needs to be a place where each of you feels free to be as different as you want to be, as different as you need to be and at the same time you will be completely at home … The very first day you turn up to study at Goshen College, you're family."

Joe's inspiring message encourages all of us to provide opportunities for all students to feel at home. We want every student, whether legacy or not, to become part of the GC family and tradition.

2008-2009 Chamber Choir

CHAMBER CHOIR TOUR, ALUMNI EVENTS PLANNED FOR MIDWEST THIS SPRING

The Goshen College Chamber Choir will visit churches and schools in Midwest and Plains states during its 2009 spring break tour, Feb. 21-March 1, as well as perform a concluding home concert in Goshen.

Led by Goshen College Professor of Music Debra Brubaker, the chamber choir tour will begin in Illinois and continue to Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin before returning to Indiana. Alumni and friends receptions will be held in some of the locations. The following is the choir's tour and alumni event schedule:

Saturday, Feb. 21	**Mennonite Church of Normal (Ill.)**, 6:30 p.m. alumni and friends reception followed by 7:30 p.m. concert
Sunday, Feb. 22	**Metamora (Ill.) Mennonite Church**, 9 a.m. program **First Mennonite Church**, Iowa City, Iowa, 7 p.m. program
Monday, Feb. 23	**Iowa Mennonite School**, Kalona, Iowa, time TBA **Sugar Creek Mennonite Church**, Wayland, Iowa, 7 p.m. program, alumni and friends reception following
Tuesday, Feb. 24	**Des Moines (Iowa) Mennonite Church**, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 25	**Salem-Zion Mennonite Church**, Freeman, S.D., 7 p.m. program
Thursday, Feb. 26	**Freeman (S.D.) Academy**, 10 a.m. program **Messiah Lutheran Church**, Minneapolis, Minn., 7:30 p.m. program hosted by Emmanuel and Faith Mennonite churches, alumni and friends reception following
Friday, Feb. 27	**Madison (Wis.) Mennonite Church**, 7 p.m., alumni and friends reception following
Sunday, March 1	**Reba Place Church**, Evanston, Ill., 10 a.m. program **College Mennonite Church**, Goshen, 7:30 p.m., concluding home concert

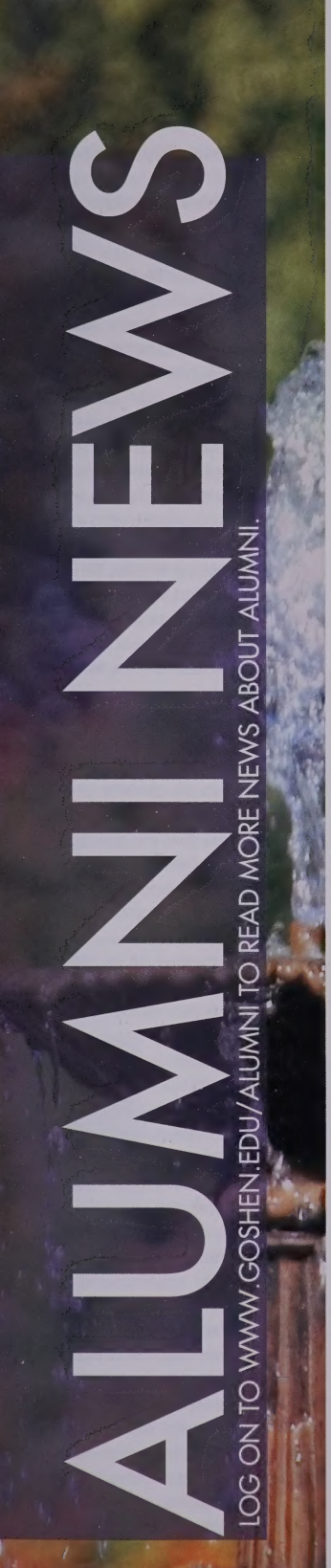
For more information on these and other alumni gatherings, visit the alumni event calendar at www.goshen.edu/alumni or call (574) 535-7565.

TELL US YOUR VIEWS ON MENNONITE HIGHER EDUCATION

For an upcoming Alumni Crossings column, we want to know your views on Mennonite higher education. The number of U.S. Mennonite youth choosing to go to a Mennonite college has long been declining.

What's your view? Why are Mennonite students bypassing Mennonite higher education? What can be done to increase the number of Mennonite students attending Goshen College and other Mennonite colleges? Should this be a priority for the church?

E-mail your response to gcbulletin@goshen.edu or mail them to Goshen College, Public Relations Office, 1700 South Main St., Goshen, IN 46526. Please include your name, class year, address and contact information.



NOTES 1930-39

Velma Emmert Kingsley '37, Bluffton, Ohio, suffered a light stroke.

Jay J. Miller '36 and Kathryn Miller moved from Florida to Twin Towers Retirement Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEATHS

Orus O. Eash '38, Sacramento, Calif., died July 3. He was the architect of the original Church-Chapel and eight other building on the Goshen College campus.

Elmer J. Phend '38, husband of Betty Phend, 1215 E. Reynolds St., Goshen, IN 46528, died Aug. 18.

Rhoda M. Ressler '35, Smithville, Ohio, died Aug. 5.

Annabel Raber Widmer '39, wife of **Reuben B. Widmer '40**, 501 S. La Posada Circle, Apt. 178, Green Valley, AZ 85614, died May 7.

Paton Yoder '35, husband of **Hazel Smucker Yoder '39**, 1901 Maywood Court, Goshen, IN 46526, died Aug. 3.

NEWS 1940-49

Donald L. Berry '47, Hamilton, N.Y., wrote a book, *Holy Words and Holy Orders*, which will be published early in 2009.

Paul A. Friesen '46 and his wife Wilma, Hesston, Kan., were honored for their contributions to Hesston College at the dedication of the Friesen Center for the Visual Arts on Sept. 27.

Mervin J. Hostetler '44 and **Fern Yoder Hostetler '45**, Harrisonburg, Va., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July.

Kenneth R. Walker '49, Russellville, Ark., continues to write newspaper columns for *Courier* (Russellville, Ark.) and *Chronicle* (Atkins, Ark.).

DEATHS

Oleeda Sutter Albrecht '43, wife of **Marion N. Albrecht '42**, 18708 1250 N. Ave., Tiskilwa, IL 61368, died Sept. 8.

Ivan R. Bachman '44, husband of Gloria Bachman, 617 Timber Ridge Court, Eureka, IL 61530, died Nov. 18.

Peter S. Bartel '43, husband of Amanda Bartel, 3902 W. 11th St., Wichita, KS 67203, died May 26.

Juanita Lark Bell '43, Orland Park, Ill., died April 23.

Earla Ruth Bennett, wife of **Ernest Bennett '47**, Goshen, died Nov. 10.

Eugene E. Blosser '49, husband of **Elsie Zook Blosser '48**, 1400 6th Ave. N., Apt. 110, Wellman, IA 52356, died June 8.

Fred B. Blosser '40, husband of Imogene Blosser, 815 Lincolnway E., Goshen, IN 46526, died June 23.

Paul L. Conrad '40, husband of **Nancy Hernley Conrad '41**, 1225 Greencroft Drive, #574, Goshen, IN 46526, died July 17.

Glenn Esh '42, husband of **Janet Grieser Esh '60**, 920 Greenridge Road, Columbus, OH 43235, died Oct. 11.

Menno Fast, husband of **Naomi Brubaker Ebersole Fast '43**, 200 W. Cedar St., Hesston, KS 67062, died March 23.

Paul E. Gerber '43, husband of **Frances Hofstetter Gerber '42**, 1417 Zuercher Road, Dalton, OH 44618, died May 3.

Polly Cline Good '47, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, died Aug. 8.

Lloyd W. Gundy '49, husband of **Wilma Davis Gundy '49**, 12806A W. 65th Way, Arvada, CO 80004, died May 20.

Marie I. Kaufman '44, Glendale, Ariz., died July 11.

Paul L. Kauffman, husband of **Ruth Blosser Kauffman '43**, 2212 W. High St., Orrville, OH 44667, died Feb. 7.

Miriam Sieber Lind '42, wife of **Millard C. Lind '42**, 1801 Greencroft Blvd., Apt. 222, Goshen, IN 46526, died Aug. 24.

Ella May Weaver Miller '41, Harrisonburg, Va., died Oct. 26.

Kenneth Murdick, husband of **Betta Lu Cripe Murdick '43**, 8224 Peace Ave., Brooksville, FL 34601, died Feb. 18.

Dwayne Nelson '40, husband of Gladys Nelson, 2524 W. Myrtle Court, Fort Collins, Colo., died May 5.

Hazel Mahr Purciarele '44, Bristol, Ind., died May 28.

Floyd L. Rheinheimer '49, husband of Irene Rheinheimer, 1212 Waterford Crossing Circle, Apt. 810, Goshen, IN 46526, died July 7.

Natalie Rieth, wife of **Richard L. Rieth '43**, 15702 Flynn Road, Three Oaks, MI 49128, died Aug. 9.

Romaine Stahl Sala '47, wife of **Ray Sala (faculty '60-72)**, 1551 Redbud Court, Goshen, IN 46526, died Nov. 18.

Dorothy Powell Schaeffer '46, Angola, Ind., died June 21.

Margaret Ulrich Strubhar '48, Eureka, Ill., died Sept. 21.

Marian Groff Wissler '49, Lititz, Pa., died April 30.

Eldon D. Wyse '47, husband of Pauline Boshart Wyse, 116 W. Highway 78, Wayland, IA 52654, died June 2.

NEWS 1950-59

Ervin Beck '59 (faculty '67-03), Goshen, taught literature courses and also directed a play at Lithuania Christian College in Klaipeda, Lithuania, from August to November.

Carley Eash Brubaker '58 and her husband Jim, Williamsburg, Va., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Phyllis Nelson Clodfelter '55, Roachdale, Ind., retired at the end of 2008 after spending 40 years as a registered dietitian in a university, hospital, nursing homes and corrections department.

Charlotte Hertzler Croyle '53, Goshen, presented the major address at the pinning ceremonies for the B.S.N., B.S.N. completion, A.D.N. and M.S.N. graduating classes of the Bethel College School of Nursing in Mishawaka, Ind. on May 3.

Vance Y. George '55, San Francisco, Calif., was recently named to the San Francisco State University faculty to lead the San Francisco State Chamber Singers.

Owen J. Gingerich '51 and **Miriam Sensenig Gingerich '51**, Cambridge, Mass., visited Poland in June where Owen received an honorary doctorate from Zielona Gora University in recognition of his scholarly work on Copernicus and Kepler.

Glen A. Habegger '53, Tucson, Ariz., works for Experience Corp. tutoring students to read at Walter Douglas Elementary School. He also teaches a class at the Pima County Jail.

Anne Krabill Hershberger '58 (faculty '62-64, '65-69, '71-00), Goshen, is a member of Goshen Health System's Institutional Review Board and the Organization and Medical Ethics Committee, as well as a member of the church board at College Mennonite Church. The North Dakota Museum of Art in Grand Forks included the paintings of **Abner Hershberger '60 (faculty '65-99)** in the "Remembering Dakota" exhibit.

Gordon L. Hostetler '59, Elkhart, Ind., helped organize the national gathering of the descendants of Jacob Hochstetler in August at Bethany Christian School. He also teaches English to Hispanics one evening a week at Prairie Street Mennonite Church.

Phyllis Davenport Hostetler '60 volunteers at Church Community Services and at the Elkhart County Historical Museum.

Dale F. Kauffman '54, Zanesfield, Ohio, is a grain and beef cattle farmer after teaching 23 years in public schools.

Anna Rose Nafziger Kiesow '56 and her husband Peter Kiesow, Wauseon, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August.

Kathryn Reschly Lehmann '53 is retired and moved to Grace Village Retirement Community, Winona Lake, Ind.

Luella R. Linder '52 moved to Alsatian Independent Living, Louisville, Ohio.

Janet Miller Litwiller '57 and her husband Merwyn, Hopedale, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 22.

Lester L. Mann '57 and his wife Leola, Freeport, Ill., left Dec. 14, for four months to serve at Macha Mission Hospital, Zambia, which is associated with the Brethren in Christ World Mission.

Lavonne Wenger McGuire '55, Morton, Ill., has been team captain of her church's Relay for Life team for eight years.

Jim A. Miller '59 and **Kris Miller '60**, Sarasota, Fla., are volunteer coordinators in the dining room at Sunnyside Village.

Martha Yoder Miller '58, Toledo, Ohio, continues to volunteer at Crissey Elementary School and also helps with the tutoring program at Toledo Mennonite Church.

Angel L. Miranda '58 and **Lora Esch Miranda '59** are retired and moved to Greencroft Retirement Community in Goshen in December 2006. Angel volunteers as chaplain at the Center for Healing and Hope and for Goshen General Hospital.

Edith Snyder Pekarek '58 and her husband Harry, Arlington Heights, Ill., are retired and attend Christ Community Mennonite Church in Schaumburg.

Fancheon Emmert Resler '59, Bluffton, Ind., has been giving a one-woman presentation titled "Ladies of Spoon River," which features 16 of the female epitaphs from Edgar Lee Master's Spoon River Anthology done with subtle on-stage costume changes and piano accompaniment.

Cay Snyder Siebert '55, Newton, Kan., is retired and is a member of Shalom Mennonite Church..

Walter E. Smeltzer '58 and **Doris Metzler Smeltzer '58**, Peoria, Ill., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21. Walter works part time as chaplain at Methodist Medical Center after being a Mennonite pastor for many years. Doris worked as a teacher and dental hygienist and retired in 2001.

Stan J. Smucker '57 and **Marlene Rufenacht Smucker '59**, North Newton, Kan., attend Shalom Mennonite Church, where Marlene continues as health ministries coordinator.

Margaret Gerber Stoltzfus '55, Oskaloosa, Iowa, was the 2008 recipient of the Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award, the second highest award bestowed by People to People International.

Raul Tadeo '59, Dalton, Ohio, is coordinator of Open Arms Hispanic Ministry of Wayne County.

Bob L. Weaver '58, Lititz, Pa., became a deacon in January 2008 at Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster.

Marion R. Wenger '58 (faculty '63-89) and **Frances Zimmerman Wenger (faculty '62-90)** revised the chapter "The Amish," which was included in the recently released third edition of the textbook, *Transcultural Health Care: A Culturally Competent Approach* (F.A. Davis).

Geneva Spicher Yoder '53 and **Orville H. Yoder '59**, Hampton, Va., are both retired teachers. Orville continues to deliver the Newport News *Daily Press*, which he has been doing for 30 years.

DEATHS

Glenard E. Beyeler '54, husband of **Rita Frey Beyeler '57**, 9719 W. Redwood Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351, died March 19.

Emma Baldwin Bowser '54, Elkhart, Ind., died Aug. 31.

Virgil J. Brenneman '51, Goshen, died June 10.

Richard L. Eash '55, husband of Jimmie Ruth Eash, 206 Chattington Court, San Antonio, TX 78213, died Aug. 11.

Allan Eitzen '50, Lititz, Pa., died Aug. 31.

Samuel H. Hoover '51, husband of Shirley Hoover, P.O. Box 431, Middlebury, IN 46540, died Aug. 11.

Celeste A. Keener '54, Lewisberry, Pa., died Dec. 12, 2007.

James Mabie, husband of **F. June Roose Mabie '59**, 3300 E. Jackson Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46516, died April 6.

Marvin J. Miller '59, husband of Ruth Miller, 1425 Greencroft Drive, Goshen, IN 46526, died June 9.

Anita Marner Pfile '59, wife of **Elton E. Pfile '58**, 1853 Ridge Drive, Freeport, IL 61032, died Aug. 15.

Irene Litwiller Springer '52, wife of Elmo Springer, 700 N. Main St., Apt. 271, Eureka, IL 61530, died Feb. 23, 2007.

Richard Tester, husband of **Lydia Schlabach Tester '54**, 455 S. College Drive, Hesston, KS 67062, died of acute leukemia on April 29.

Archie Unzicker, husband of **Ruth Elaine Kenyon Unzicker '56**, 510 Prairie Ridge Court, Eureka, IL 61530, died March 24.

Joe D. Yoder '51 (formerly of London, Ohio), husband of Jean Greider Yoder, 1800 Riverside Drive, Apt. 3212, Columbus, OH 43212, died July 18, 2007.

NEWS 1960-69

John A. Amstutz '62, Noblesville, Ind., logged 3,400 miles on his bike last year, which included a Mennonite Central Committee fundraiser at Amigo Centre.

John D. Christner '69, Goshen, retired after 39 years as a teacher at New Paris Elementary School. He volunteers as a tour guide at Menno Hof in Shipshewana.

Jon K. Clemens '60, Camas, Wash., was named one of two Alumni of the Year by Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award based on his academic and business accomplishments. A scientist and inventor, he has 19 patents to his credit for technologies ranging from DVDs to high-definition TV to optical character recognition used in reading machines for the blind.

John L. Davidson '69, Atlanta, Ga., has worked as compliance manager at the Georgia Department of Labor for 21 years. His work involves ensuring that WIA federal funds are properly used to assist the economically disadvantaged with employment and training programs.

Mary Ann Aschliman Eastty '68 and her husband Gary Eastty, Ridgefield, Wash., are working with Wiconi International, a Native American ministry.

Larry N. Esmonde '60, Lima, Ohio, retired in November 2007 after working 18 years in the Lima City Schools Adult Education Program and 37 years as treasurer of Lima Mennonite Church Child Care.

Henry W. Hiebert '66, Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada, is interim pastor at Sprague Baptist Church.

DeVon L. Hoffman '68, Goshen, was honored by Goshen Community Schools for teaching 40 years, starting in junior high and then moving to the high school in 1978, where he continues to teach geometry.

Pat Cosby Holcomb '62, Elkhart, Ind., lives at Hubbard Hill Village.

Oren F. Horst '63, Salem, Ore., is volunteering for the second year as an assistant in the advancement office of Western Mennonite School.

Elaine Bomberger Hostetler '69, Lagrange, Ind., retired from Lakeland Middle School, after teaching language arts for more than 37 years.

Imo Jeanne Yoder Johnson '65, Michigan City, Ind., has retired but keeps up with the social work field by supervising a student at the Homeless Center for Women in Michigan City.

Bruce E. Jutzi '63 returned to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, in fall 2007 after completing a three-year posting as ambassador to Czech Republic and Slovakia. Now he is foreign affairs' director-general responsible for security at Canada's 171 missions abroad.

Richard A. Kauffman '68, Glen Ellyn, Ill., wrote a three-part study series, *Understanding Iran*, that introduces the people, culture, history, politics and religion of the Islamic Republic of Iran in a format well suited for adult Christian education classes and small groups. Richard is senior editor and book review editor for *Christian Century* magazine and senior editor of *Leader* magazine, a Mennonite Church USA publication for lay and ordained leaders.

Steve K. Kim '63, Haughton, La., retired as a Presbyterian USA minister in December 2007. In February 2009 he will begin a five-month assignment with the Protestant Church of Bali, Indonesia, serving as a volunteer minister of word and sacrament in one of the two English-speaking congregations on the island of Bali.

Dwight Y. King '64, DeKalb, Ill., resigned as director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies on July 1, but is continuing at Northern Illinois University as professor of political science.

Connie Becker Klopfenstein '67 and her husband Charles Norman, Griffin, Ga., retired and moved to Sun City Peachtree, an active adult lifestyle community, in May.

Mitsuo Kyokuta '60, Yokosuka, Japan, founded Matty's School of English 37 years ago using up-to-date and highly effective methods of learning to converse in English. In April, he was the first person to be awarded the newly created Sazanka Club prize for persons who have contributed to the world of literature and arts in Japan.

Chris A. Leuz '60 and his wife **Lois Gross Leuz '61**, Hickory, N.C., returned in July after serving a one-year assignment with Eastern Mennonite Missions to support long-term workers in Halle, Germany.

Gerry R. Lichti '64 and **Treva Bontrager Lichti '64**, Wichita, Kan., both retired from Wichita State University in December 2006. Treva was academic counselor in the School of Nursing for 23 years, and Gerry completed 25 years as assistant dean in Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Both are active volunteers in The National Alliance on Mental Illness-Kansas and attend Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

Jim J. Miller '66, Salem, Oregon, retired in 2006 after working 40 years in education and administration. He now teaches at the men's prison two nights a week and is also involved in CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for children).

Jane E. Oswald-Lambert '66, Salina, Kan., retired in February 2008 from Heartland Programs after 13 years as program manager of all home-based programming and health care services for children and families in poverty. She started a consulting business.

John D. Rohrer '64, Plain City, Ohio, is moderator of the Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Keith G. Schrag '60, Ames, Iowa, is continuing his private practice in marriage and family therapy, doing extensive volunteer work and serving part time on the faculty at Iowa State University supervising graduate students.

Myron D. Shenk '63, Albany, Ore., retired in 2004 after working for 38 years at Oregon State University as a researcher and associate professor. Ten of those years were spent as resident team leader of agricultural research and development projects in Ecuador, Brazil and Costa Rica. He enjoys teaching and serving at Fairview Mennonite Church. **Carol Stockburger Shenk '64** retired in 2006 from teaching special education.

Del P. Sieber '68, Champaign, Ill., retired after teaching respiratory therapy 34 years at Parkland College, Champaign.

Dale L. Sloat '60, Portland, Ore., began his 50 years in communication at WGCS as the first student engineer and the second student program director. Since then he has served in communications radio and/or television in the Elkhart area, in Newfoundland with Mennonite Central Committee, with Radio 4VEH in Haiti, in missionary broadcasting in Brazil, South America, and teaching radio and television at Taylor University in Upland, Ind. In Portland, he pastored a church and is now chaplain at a retirement community.

Art E. Smoker '65 and **Nova Wingard Smoker '65** moved to Mars Hill, N.C., in July 2007. After a four-month interim pastorate at Asheville Mennonite Church, he began serving half-time as conference minister for Gulf States Mennonite Conference in October 2007 and then became half-time overseer for the Tennessee-Carolina-Kentucky District of Virginia Mennonite Conference in January 2008.

Linda Yost Spohn '67, Mount Airy, Md., retired after 30 years of teaching at the elementary level, but continues to volunteer at her school. She is organist at the Church of the Brethren in Monrovia, Md.

Marion H. Steiner '60 and **Ellen Brenner Steiner '66**, Temperance, Mich., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Aug. 10.

Ruth Geiser Steiner '64 and **Clayton H. Steiner '67**, Dalton, Ohio, left Oct. 31, for six months of service at the International Guest House in Washington, D.C.

Henry Troyer '65, Springfield, Mo., participated in Christian Peacemaker Team's delegation to the Philippines in February.

Alfonso R. Valtierra '67, Berwyn, Ill., is principal of Galileo Scholastic Academy, a magnet school in Chicago.

Bernie Wiebe '61, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, is interim pastor at Leamington (Ontario) United Mennonite Church.

Sheri Copenhaver Willems '68, Niles, Mich., teaches literature and writing at Brandywine High School, is the language arts department chair, mentor teacher, supervising teacher and teaches as an adjunct instructor at Lake Michigan College.

M. Pauline Yoder '60, Goshen, Ind., moved from duplex living to assisted living at Greencroft Retirement Center.

Howard Zehr '66, Broadway, Va., was named by the U.S. government as one of six members of a new Victims Advisory Group, a move that represents a major step toward addressing the needs of victims at the federal level. Zehr, a professor at Eastern Mennonite University, is often called the "grandfather" of the worldwide restorative justice movement.

Gordon D. Zook '62 and **Bonnie Baer Zook '62** moved from Newport News, Va., to Harrisonburg, Va., in September so Gordon could begin an interim pastorate at Weavers Mennonite Church.

DEATHS

Leah P. Beachy '64, Goshen, died Nov. 28.

Richard D. Beitelshees, husband of **Pat Slaney Beitelshees '64**, Elkhart, Ind., died Oct. 1.

Dennis E. Buerge '64, husband of Joann Buerge, 5001 Rockville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46224, died May 9.

Richard Carnes, husband of **Rose Birchard Carnes '67**, Box 177, Holland, IN 47541, died Oct. 8.

Ruth Holderman Davidhizar '68, wife of **Ron Davidhizar '68**, 203 Middlebury St., Goshen, IN 46528, died Sept. 11.

Laveta Penner Habegger '69, wife of David Habegger, 219 Sutton Drive, Newton, KS 67114, died Aug. 19.

Jeff S. Hartzler '64, husband of **Gwen Witmer Hartzler '63**, 1156 Long Lane, Mount Joy, PA 17552, died June 3.

John E. Huebert '67, husband of Melva Huebert, 12259 South Ave., North Lima, OH 44452, died April 16, 2007.

Ruth Cook Hunsberger '61, Wakarusa, Ind., died July 21.

Paul W. Kennel '62, husband of Wilma Kennel, 648 Shenandoah Drive, Molalla, OR 97038, died July 6.

Libby Sturges, wife of **Phil Leatherman '68**, died July 26. Phil continues to work in their business, Sturges and Leatherman Realtors.

Freda King Milne '66, Glendale, Ariz., formerly of Goshen, died Aug. 30.

Sharon Sass Osborne '66, wife of Kenneth Osborne, 1315 33rd Ave. S.W., Minot, ND 58701, died Aug. 12.

Steve Rudo, husband of **Louise Stuckey Rudo '66**, 13940 Prince Charles Drive, North Royalton, OH 44133, died May 5.

Ronald L. Rupp, husband of **Elaine Kauffman Rupp '66**, Fort Myers Beach, Fla., died Oct. 4.

Elmer S. Yoder '64, husband of Cheryl Lawhead-Yoder, 75885 Palmer Junction Road, Elgin, OR 97827, died May 24.

Tom Yoder '63, husband of Glora Yoder, 21944 County Road. V, Archbold, OH 43502, died June 11.

Kathy Imhoff Zehr '60, wife of **Dean Zehr '60**, 31842 Dutch Lane, Washington, IL 61571, died June 14.

NEWS 1970-74

Philip D. Bender '70 and **Julie Bontrager Bender '72** have returned to Chongqing (China) Medical University as English teachers with Mennonite Partners in China.

John D. Bontreger '72, Fishers, Ind., is owner/developer of Riverstone Partners, a real estate development company.

Mary Ann Halteman Conrad '72, Flagstaff, Ariz., teaches special education in Flagstaff Public School and is an advocate for people with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

John C. Eby '71, Vallejo, Calif., teaches seventh and eighth grade science at Adams Middle School, Richmond.

Kathleen Ford Fix '72, Fayette, Ohio, retired after 36 years in education, teaching 27 years in Ohio. She now volunteers at her church, at Fayette School, as director of the American Red Cross Blood Drive for Fayette, and on the Fayette Opera House Auxilliary.

Scott R. Graybill '74, Bremen, Ind., is president and CEO of Community Hospital of Bremen, a position he has held since 1990. He oversaw completion of a new hospital for the Bremen community in 2006 and was awarded the American College of Healthcare Executives Regent's Award in 2007. Scott currently serves on the board of directors of the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) and chairs the IHA

Council on Rural Health.

Lois Hooley Hall '72, Mabelvale, Ark., works part time at an outpatient surgery center.

Rachel Nafziger Hartzler '70, Goshen, was ordained by Central District Conference on Nov. 23. She is pastor at Pleasant Oaks Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

Nancy Kauffman Hess '74, Lancaster, Pa., continues to work at the Mennonite Information Center.

Steve P. Hooley '74, Bellefontaine, Ohio, is a family physician at Bellefontaine Family Health Care.

Amy Gerber Kauffman '73, Toledo, Ohio, a nurse practitioner in women's health for 30 years, completed her master of science in nursing degree and a certificate in complementary and integrative therapies from Drexel University in June.

Lois Johns Kaufmann '70, New Paris, Ind., began Sept. 1, as conference minister of Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Gary L. Keister '74, Goshen, retired in June after teaching for 34 years, the last 31 years at Westview Junior-Senior High School teaching junior high language arts.

Margaret Botts Kidwell '71 and her husband Rich returned to China after a one-year leave. Margaret teaches English and Rich is studying the Chinese language. They also work with their agency's healthcare in training local village doctors and assist with three orphanages.

Paul D. Leichty '74, Goshen, and Twila J. Charles, Williamsport, Pa., were wed July 26.

Diane Clemens Leland '74 and Dean M. Smuro, Wayneboro, Pa., were wed July 26. Diane is in her ninth year as an accounting supervisor with Phoenix Color Corp., a book component manufacturer.

Otho Lyles '74, Gary, Ind., is owner and CEO of NPC Video.

Keith A. Miller '71, Syracuse, Ind., owns and operates Keith Miller Photography and specializes in event photography.

Ruth A. Miller '72, Goshen, retired in June after 35 years of teaching elementary school. Thirty-one of those years were at Middlebury (Ind.) Elementary School.

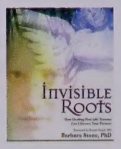
Cynthia Wingard Peterson '70, Pella, Iowa, works part time as a clinical social worker at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services.

Justine Clemmer Pletcher '72, Goshen, retired in June after teaching at Middlebury Elementary School for 21 years.

Donna Cyphers Reist '73, Jacksonville, Fla., traveled to India in November 2007 with "People to People."

Eber Rice-Smucker '73, Goshen, retired after 13 years as executive director of The Window, an agency of Church Women United of Goshen Inc., providing services to the elderly and anyone with limited income. **Beckie Rice-Smucker '77** works as an obstetrics nurse. They celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on July 22.

Barbara E. Stone '73, Millersburg, Ohio, is an adjunct professor at Hocking College, psychotherapist in private practice, workshop leader and author of a recently published book, *Invisible Roots: How Healing Past Life Trauma Can Liberate Your Present* (Energy Psychology Press, 2008).



Tom L. Stuckey '70, West Unity, Ohio, was inaugurated on Oct. 16 as the president of Northwest State Community College, Archbold.

Ron K. Weirich '70, Goshen, is in his 39th year of teaching and 37th with Goshen Community Schools. Ron and **Vicki Randolph Weirich '70** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 1.

Bud W. Wulliman '70, Goshen, retired in June from Elkhart Community Schools after teaching for 30 years. **Phyllis Imhoff Wulliman '71** also retired in June after teaching music for 24 years, most recently with Concord Community Schools.

Lois Sharp Zendt '72, Mifflintown, Pa., retired on Oct. 29, after teaching health and physical education at Juniata High School for 35 years.

DEATHS

Robert M. Blanken, husband of **Mary Jane Davis Blanken '73**, 1109 Baker Drive, Elkhart, IN 46516, died July 11.

Rose M. Corcoran '73, wife of Eugene Corcoran, c/o Judith Benckart, 2503 Polar Drive, Bloomington, IN 46401, died July 31.

Charles E. Hoover, husband of **Naomi Brubaker Hoover '72**, 25148 County Road 40, Goshen, IN 46526, died Aug. 19.

Cathy S. Knopp '73, Albion, Ind., died July 30, of positional asphyxia.

Wilbur D. Miller '73, husband of Joann Miller, Goshen, died July 13.

Gene R. Schlabach '70, Newton, Kan., died Sept. 1.

David H. Swartzendruber '74, Goshen, husband of Jereen Jesca Nandawula, Boston, Mass., died Oct. 21.

Art L. Willis '71, husband of **Carol Gibson Willis '71**, 22137 Woodside Drive, Bristol, IN 46507, died Dec. 2.

NEWS 1975-79

Rosemary Kropf Allen '75, Seattle, Wash., is an accountant at Agros International, a nonprofit organization working in Central America and Mexico in sustainable development based on land ownership.

Cindy Bechler Bobcek '79, La Crosse, Ind., is pursuing her master's degree in nursing education. She also works part time as pediatric staff nurse and clinical instructor for two groups of pediatric nursing students.

Jeff P. Combs '76 and **Joyce Yoder Combs '75** moved to Watertown, N.Y., in February 2008 after pastoring at Southside Mennonite Church in Springfield, Ohio. Jeff is managing the family business, Combs Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. Joyce works full time as a psychiatric nurse at a county mental health outpatient service.

Gayle L. Dosher '76, Bend, Ore., began private practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist on March 1. She is a charter member of River Mennonite Church in Bend.

Greg A. Ebersole '75, Longview, Wash., completed 20 years as a photo journalist at *The Daily News*. He has traveled in 42 countries, often writing and photographing stories.

Erin D. Geiser '79, Minneapolis, Minn., wife of **Mike Schrock '76,** who tragically passed away in February, presented the Michael Schrock American Institute of Architects Honor Award, which was created in 2008 to honor Michael and his contributions to the architectural community, at the AIA Minneapolis Chapter Luncheon on July 17. On Dec. 5, the 2008 Louis Lundgren Award, which recognizes exceptional individual volunteerism, was posthumously awarded to Mike.

Diane Stutzman Graybill '76, Louisville, Ky., is in her 14th year as a GED instructor for Jefferson County Public Schools.

James R. Hall '75, Beaver Falls, N.Y., is the kindergarten to 12th grade math coordinator at Beaver River Central School, and is in his 31st year of teaching there. He also coaches soccer and volleyball.

Marilyn Miller Henderson '77 and **Eric Henderson '78** moved to Hagerstown, Md., in September, where Marilyn began as pastor of Hebron Mennonite Church in October. She was ordained on Aug. 10, at Petitcodiac (New Brunswick, Canada) Mennonite Church. Eric is currently exploring interim pastoral ministry in the Hagerstown and surrounding area.

Kathy Yoder Holsopple '75, New Paris, Ind., has worked as an office nurse at Milford Family Physicians for 32 years.

Don S. Kooker '76, Souderton, Pa. is a self employed painting/papering contractor, and **Judy Davis Kooker '78** is a registered nurse in a urologist's office which includes patient teaching.

Anna M. Lizama '79, Orlando, Fla., is an OB/GYN physician at Medi-Weightloss Clinics in Lake Mary, Fla., and is the president of the Central Florida Medical Society.

Rita Kennel Lopienski '78, Bartlett, Ill., earned the Illinois Association of Activity Professionals' top honor, the Larry-Madge Award. Rita has over 25 years of experience providing enriching programs for older adults most recently as the community life director at Victory Centre of Bartlett, a part of Pathway Senior Living. She also directs music at Christ Community Church in Schaumburg, is a registered music therapist, an adjunct instructor at Harper College and on staff with the College of DuPage Older Adult Institute.

Bryan D. Mierau '76, Goshen, began as executive director of Waterford Crossing, senior living villages, on Aug. 1, which coincided with the opening of 26 new apartments. Bryan is a registered nurse as well as a health care administrator.

Ray L. Miller '78, Greencastle, Pa., is a partner in the firm of Showalter & Miller CPAs, in Waynesboro. **Ginny Bontrager Miller '85** teaches art at Shalom Christian Academy in Chambersburg.

Ron C. Miller '75, Goshen, is owner of Miller Decorating Service, specializing in custom residential work as well as business and commercial projects.

Beth Miller Kraybill '79, Elkhart, Ind., is studying at Associated Mennonite Biblical

Seminary this year in pursuit of an M.Div. in pastoral care and counseling. She has been studying part time at the Institute for Ecumenical and Theological Studies in the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle (Wash.) University for the past three years. **Ken Kraybill '79** will continue his work as a training specialist for the National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

Eben Nhiwatiwa '78, Harare, Zimbabwe, has been bishop of the United Methodist Church assigned to Zimbabwe since 2004. He earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Illinois State University and then a master of theology degree from Emory University, Candler School of Theology. In 1992 he helped open Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe, and lectured in the faculty of theology until he was elected bishop.

Mary Erb Nitzsche '78, Telford, Pa., began as pastor for pastoral care and spiritual formation at Blooming Glen (Pa.) Mennonite Church, on May 1. **Wayne A. Nitzsche '82** began as pastor at Perkasie (Pa.) Mennonite Church, on Oct. 1. They both had served 12 years as regional pastors with Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Dick W. Nyce '76, Archbold, Ohio, works at Sauder Woodworking as senior packaging engineer.

Albert Roggio '76, Mansfield, Ohio, retired after working at Mansfield Christian School for 32 years. He taught in the elementary and high school and for the past six years served as the school finance director.

Gladys Mitchell Sanders '77, Mora, Minn, received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwestern College, Saint Paul, Minn., in May, and is vice president of Creative Marketing Concepts in Mora. She also oversees their alternative energy division, Sun Energy-CMC, LLC.

Sharon Borom Taska '75, Elkhart, Ind., retired in June after teaching physical education at Concord High School for 33 years.

Lloyd Zeager '76, Lancaster, Pa., was recognized by Lancaster Regional Medical Center for his lifetime donation of 16 gallons of blood.

DEATH

Allen B. Sanders, husband of **Gladys Mitchell Sanders '77**, 2846 Jade St., Mora, MN 55051, died March 11.

NEWS 1980-84

Jim E. Alvarez '84, Goshen, was named senior vice president of corporate services at Mennonite Mutual Aid after working the last two years as district manager for MMA. Prior to joining MMA, he served for two years as executive director of the family business program at Goshen College.

Kent E. Beck '81 moved from Goshen to Sandy Spring, Md. He is director of admissions and ESL director for the upper school at Sandy Spring Friends School. He and his wife Karen Lehman attend Hyattsville Mennonite Church.

Karen L. Boyer '83, Madison, Wis., teaches fourth grade in a high-poverty school. She earned a second bachelor's degree in elementary education in December 2007 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Janey Stock Brookmyer '84, Goshen, retired in June after teaching home economics for 22 years at Goshen High School.

Gina Ruth Canaviri '82 and her husband Ponci Canaviri, Harleysville, Pa., have ministered in Bolivia for 14 years. They pastor a church in Santa Cruz and Gina also works as head librarian at the Santa Cruz Christian Learning Center.

Doug L. Hadley '84, Valparaiso, Ind., retired from ministry with the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church as of July 1. He began a new career as a business coach and motivational speaker with The Growth Coach.

Jean-Claude Hudicourt '83 owns a Radio Shack in Petionville, Haiti. He and his wife Annouck have two children, Laurent, 17, and Sophie, 13.

Brigitte Hudicourt Pierre '81, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, turned her solo ophthalmologist practice into the first group practice in Haiti, named Clinque ORLO (Oto-Rhino- Laryngology/ Ophthamology). The group includes five out of 48 ophthalmologists existing in Haiti and two out of 10 ear, nose, throat doctors practicing in the country.

Jay R. Ingold '84 and **Carolyn Nelson '87**, Apache Junction, Ariz., were wed Aug. 2. Jay is employed by Stanley Security Systems, Phoenix, and Carolyn is employed at Carrot English Institute.

Elaine Wise Kennell '82, Sarasota, Fla., has been working as director of business services at Sarasota Christian School since January 2005.

John F. Meyer '81, Chicago, Ill., continues as president and owner of Meyer Electrical Construction. In the last year they have expanded into photo voltaic solar panel installations and are the sole distributor in Chicago. **Melody Yoder Meyer '82** is a Miss Jane, Virtual Assistant.

Kevin "Scoop" Miller '84, Archbold, Ohio, was selected by the State Baseball Coaches Association as the 2008 baseball winner of the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award. Scoop has been a teacher and coach for 23 years and also coached football for 11 years. For the last 10 years, he has been the head

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Alumni Executive Board at fall 2008 meeting

Members of the Goshen College Alumni Executive Board are united by more than a common history of having attended that "spot in Indiana where the leafy Maple grows." They also are committed to giving their time and talents to advance their alma mater.

The following are your representatives of the Alumni Executive Board for 2008-09:

Tim Manickam '82, president, Portland, Ore.; Karen Lapp Bowman '78, Weddington, N.C.; Ruth Brenneman '87, Wellman, Iowa; Steve Brenneman '82, River Forest, Ill.; Gwen Reid Edwards '83, Morris Plains, N.J.; Dirk Eitzen '80, Lititz, Pa.; Cindy Friesen-Mason '87, Hesston, Kan.; Laurie Fulle-Rychener '83, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Keith Gerber '69, Sarasota, Fla.; Pam Gerig Unruh '79, Wayland, Iowa; Deb King Helmuth '80, Indianapolis, Ind.; Kay Hershberger '88, New York, N.Y.; Abri Houser '09, Goshen, Ind., student representative; Sally Hunsberger '86, Washington, D.C.; John Kaufmann '66, Okemos, Mich.; Bill Miller '55, Goshen; Karla Myers '96, Lansdale, Pa.; Gwen Brenneman Rich '67, Archbold, Ohio; Vicki Yoder Smucker '71, Granger, Ind.; Barbara Derstine Weirich '78, Harrisonburg, Va.; and Kelli Burkholder King '77, director of alumni relations, Goshen.

baseball and head girls' basketball coach at Archbold High School. In addition he is a huddle leader at Archbold Middle School for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has been named Coach of the Year in baseball five times and in girls' basketball six times. **Janet Dilbone Miller '85** is pastor at Harbour Light Ministries in Bryan and a bereavement counselor at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg.

Lorenna Hager Milliken '84 and Jim Milliken, Niles, Mich., celebrated the adoption of Aurora Haihui on June 11, in Anhui Province, China. Aurora was born Nov. 1, 1995, and joins Kelsey, 20, Trevor, 17, Trent, 13, Trace, 5, and Jade, 5.

Gerardo Mojica '82, Merrillville, Ind., is the information technology manager at Oshkosh Specialty Vehicles. **Carolyn Slaubaugh Mojica '84** completed transition to teaching studies for a teaching license from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2008 and now teaches fifth grade at East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy.

Lyle C. Peters '83, Goshen, is an MRI technologist at Goshen General Hospital.

Brent E. Rychener '82, Colorado Springs, Colo., is a partner in the law firm of Holme Roberts & Owen LLP and is currently handling several lawsuits for The Episcopal Church, including one in the California Supreme Court. **Laurie J. Fulle-Rychener '83** works half time as a reading specialist teacher at Skyway Elementary in the Cheyenne Mountain School District in Colorado Springs.

Dan P. Schrock '81, Goshen, authored *The Dark Night: A Gift of God* (Herald Press, 2009). He continues to work bivocationally as a pastor and spiritual director.

Terri Crouse Sheely '84, McSherrystown, Pa., is an adjunct clinical instructor for RN nursing students at Harrisburg Area Community College-Gettysburg Campus. She also continues to work at Hanover Hospital.

Luanne Yoder Southern '84, Austin, Texas, continues as deputy commissioner for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Duane S. Stoltzfus '81 (faculty '00-present) and **Karen Sherer Stoltzfus '81** returned to Goshen in August after spending a year as SST directors in Lima, Peru.

Ben P. Unger '81, Center Valley, Pa., joined Merck & Co, Inc. in 1989 and for the last three years has been Global HIV new products leader. He is responsible for providing customer and market input into the development of Merck's new HIV therapeutics. Ben holds an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Illinois. He was a member of the United States HIV marketing team from 1995 to 2003 and was responsible for many of the medical and scientific aspects for Crisivan, one of the first HIV protease inhibitors that in combination with other HIV medications enabled many people with HIV disease to live a longer, healthier life.

DEATHS

Richard D. Hostetler '81, husband of Lori Hostetler, 313 Cobblestone Lane, Lancaster, PA 17601, died July 17.

Nancy Berube Wilmsen '83, wife of Carl Wilmsen, 315 E. 1325 N., Chesterton, IN 46304, died Jan. 3, 2008.

NEWS 1985-89

Rohrer Bomberger '85 and **Arloa J. Bontrager '92**, Goshen, celebrated the adoption of Bizayehu John on Feb. 20. He was born on Nov. 20, 1999, in Ethiopia and joins Ashley, 22, and Ian, 11. Rohrer is materials manager for Kobelco Compressors, and Arloa is director of SOOP (Service Opportunities for Older Persons) and Youth Venture at Mennonite Mission Network.

Nora Chavez-Morales '85, Goshen, a guidance counselor at NorthWood Middle School in Wakarusa, received her master of science in education degree in guidance counseling and human services from Indiana University South Bend in May 2007.

Barb Brubaker Erb '85, Elizabethtown, Pa., is a time management executive at Erb Enterprises.

Dave C. Gautsche '85, Goshen, was recently named senior vice president of products and services at Mennonite Mutual Aid. He also serves on the board of Amigo Centre and is a current master's of business administration candidate at Indiana University South Bend.

Tony P. Godshall '87, Alameda, Calif., is a senior software engineer at Ampro Computers, an ADLINK company.

Joe M. Guerrero '86, Goshen, is executive director of Communities in Schools (CIS) in Elkhart and LaGrange counties, focusing on drop-out and gang prevention by working with gang-vulnerable, gang-involved youth. Joe is trained and certified in gang prevention and intervention by the National Gang Crime Research Center and by the National Major Gang Task Force organization.

John A. Hochstetler '87, Fortville, Ind., is the media specialist at Sand Creek Intermediate School, Fishers.

Caroline Hudicourt '86, Petionville, Haiti, is head master and owner of an elementary and junior high school that she started with one of her sisters in the family home. She also teaches some classes at Universite Quiskeya and is a consultant for Step by Step Haiti.

Martine Hudicourt '85 is a family practice physician in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Susan Hunsberger '89, Bluffton, Ohio, graduated from Ohio State University with an M.A. in integrated teaching and learning in spring 2007. She now works in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan as a professional organizer helping residential and small business clients organize their homes and offices.

Brian L. Krahn '86 and **Stacy Haines Krahn '87**, Mishawaka, Ind., celebrated the birth of Sophie Marie on July 16. She joins Taylor, 16, Adam, 12, Stuart, 9, and Ian, 3.

Janet M. Liechty '85, Champaign, Ill., completed her doctorate at the University of Maryland, College Park, in May 2007. Since fall 2007 she has been an assistant professor in the College of Social Work and the College of Medicine (dual appointment) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Cam Luc '88, Hunghorn Kowloon, Hong Kong, and Juliet Chu, Hong Kong, were wed on Nov. 17, 2007.

Dave E. Martin '89, Charlottesville, Va., chairman and founder of M-CAM, Inc. addressed the European Parliament in Brussels on Sept. 17 at the Intellectual Property Rights and Green Energy Technologies: Workshop. David's address was titled "An Ecology of the Mind and Consciousness."

Ronda R. Mendenhall '85, Fort Wayne, Ind., teaches and chairs the family and consumer sciences department at Wayne High School.

Brad T. Miller '88, Goshen, began as office manager for Heaton Advertising in Goshen in May and in the fall coached boy's golf at Bethany Christian High School.

Karen Miller '86, Boise, Idaho, completed her fellowship in pulmonary critical care in August in Albuquerque, N.M., and now is working with a group of physicians in Boise. She previously spent three years of internal medicine residency and one year as chief resident at Loma Linda, Calif.

Anita Stuckey Mounsithiraj '89 and **Thavisak "Tavi" Mounsithiraj '94**, Goshen, celebrated the adoption of Tavi Dteban on April 18. He was born on April 15.

David Nugroho '87, Banten, Indonesia, is director of Partnership Distribution at Prudential Life Assurance, Indonesia.

Achim L. Oberst '86, his wife, Jill Morford, and children Mario, 9, Johanna, 6, and Nicolai, 3, Albuquerque, N.M., returned recently from living in Europe. Achim now teaches biblical Greek and holds lectures and seminars on subjects in philosophy and theology at the University of New Mexico in the Religious Studies Program. He earned a Ph.D. in philosophy at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in 2000.

Carolyn Peachey Rudy '85, Manheim, Pa., has worked overseas with Mennonite Central Committee in non-nursing related work. She now works as a health services supervisor for Friendship Community, a residential program for developmentally disabled adults.

Michael E. Ruhling '86, Rochester, N.Y., associate professor of fine arts and the music director of the Rochester Institute of Technology orchestra, was named the Christopher Hogwood Research Fellow for the Boston Handel & Haydn Society for the 2008-2009 season. H&H is this country's oldest performing ensemble. He has also been president of the Haydn Society of North America for two years.

Sue V. Schlabach '89, South Royalton, Va., works as art director at Wild Apple in Woodstock, Vt. **Ryan W. Newswanger '90** is web content manager at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

Kevin S. Schloneger '88, Indianapolis, Ind., changed careers from teaching to being a financial adviser 15 years ago and

has been with Edward Jones for the past seven years.

Darla Y. Schumm '87, Roanoke, Va., is associate professor of religious studies at Hollins University, Roanoke. She received her Ph.D. in religious studies in 2000 from Vanderbilt University.

Steve K. Smith '88, Harrisonburg, Va., received his juris doctorate in 2003 and is a defense investigator in the Winchestor (Va.) Office of the Public Defender.

Craig R. Steyer '87 and his wife Terri Goldstein live in Port Washington, N.Y. Craig is a middle school music/band teacher in the Westbury New York Union Free School District.

Jon M. Sweigart '87 and Lisa Britton Sweigart, Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated the birth of Elizabeth Rae on July 12. Jon is manager of training and development at Congreso, a Philadelphia nonprofit organization.

Phil A. Thomas '87, Goshen, joined the team of Generative Change Community coordinators early in 2008. He is co-author of *Democratic Dialogue: A Handbook for Practitioners* (2007) jointly published by International IDEA, the United Nations Development Program, the Organization of American States and the Canadian International Development Association. He has also designed and taught capacity development programs in mediation, peace building and dialogue and is an adjunct professor of peace, justice and conflict studies at Goshen College. After helping to launch Conversation Cafes (periodic conversations on current local issues, held in local cafes and open to all) in Guatemala City, he launched Conversation Cafes in Goshen.

Steve B. Thomas '86, Goshen, continues as pastor at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church and adjunct professor of peace, justice and conflict studies at Goshen College. He also is director of Peacemakers Academy, which integrates martial arts and conflict skills in training people to prevent violence and transform conflict. **Linda Lehman Thomas '87** was licensed Oct. 12 at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church for spiritual direction and counseling at Pathways Retreat, a retreat center that provides a place to be on the spiritual journey for rest, reflection and renewal that she and **Rachel Leatherman Schertz '86** are founding in Goshen.

Wanda Zehr '88 and Charles R. Anderson, Jr., Washington, D.C., were wed June 28. Wanda is a Title I Reading Specialist in northern Virginia.

DEATH

Lowell Fisher '86, Goshen, died Nov. 22.

NEWS 1990-94

Valerie Clemmer Anderson '94 and her husband Gordon moved from Vero Beach, Fla., to Blacksburg, Va., in August. In addition to freelancing, Valerie is working part time as a senior graphic designer with Virginia Tech's university relations department.

Darla K. Beck Rupp '91 and her husband Mark Rupp, Wauseon, Ohio, started their own specialty sauce business called Mission Kitchen Ltd. and began bottling Darla's signature sweet and zesty barbecue sauce, Mission Kitchen BBQ, last spring.

Raj Biyani '92 and Aarti Biyani, Bellevue, Wash., celebrated the birth of Garima on July 28.

Todd L. Christophel '93, Lititz, Pa., was promoted to service director at Keystone Service Systems. In addition to supervising the program director of the residential program for recovery, he also supervises the drop-In center

Lynnel Swick Clark '90 and Mark Clark, Columbia City, Ind., welcomed triplets on June 11. Adam Derec, Amanda Edith and Seth Richard join Heather Coral, 4. Lynnel is a registered nurse in the coronary care unit at Parkview Huntington Hospital.

David A. Coil '90, Millersburg, Ohio, is partner and vice president of commercial marketing at Hummel Group Inc., Berlin.

Jeff A. Deak '94 and Amanda Deak, Osceola, Ind., celebrated the birth of Rachel Renee on July 26. She joins Grace, 7, Emma, 5, and Audrey, 3.

Tim R. Dyck '93, Durham, Ontario, Canada, owns and operates The Colour Jar, a retail store for art supplies. He also provides picture framing and hand bookbinding services. **Barb Schweitzer Dyck '93** accompanies a local concert choir and teaches piano in the studio at their store.

Corey S. Eberly '93, Monument, Colo., is manager of Talent Development at Configuresoft, the world's leading enterprise configuration management provider.

Ellen S. Fast '94 and Padraic Malinowski, Madison, Wis., celebrated the birth of Sean Gabriel Malinowski, on Jan. 7, 2008. Ellen works part time for A-R Editions, a local music publisher. She completed her master of music degree in collaborative piano performance in May 2006.

Karen Gerber Geiser '90 and Olin Geiser, Dalton, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Obadiah Samuel on Sept. 10. He joins Reuben, 13, Elizabeth, 9, Simeon, 7 and Jethro, 4.

Andrea Buller Golden '94 and Jason Golden, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Carson Lee on Nov. 15.

Lydia Hailu '91 and David Vernon, Santa Clara, Calif., were married on Sept. 23, 2006. Lydia is business manager at HighWire Press, a division of the Stanford University Libraries producing online versions of peer-reviewed journals and scholarly content.

Margie A. Helmuth '90, Nakuru, Kenya, has been field treasurer for World Gospel Mission for the last two years. She is planning to return in August 2009.

Kendra Good Hendon '93 and Bill Hendon, Mishawaka, Ind., celebrated the birth of Rachel Elizabeth on June 1. She joins Nathan, 2.

Ingrid S. Hess '90, Chicago, Ill., is a textbook designer for a large publisher in Chicago and illustrates *Timbrel*, a magazine published by Mennonite Women. She recently illustrated *The Family Song* (Herald Press, 2008) by Jane Hoober Peifer. In 2005 she illustrated *Praying With Our Feet* and in 2007 she wrote and illustrated *Sleep in Peace.*

Dawn R. Kaczor '90 and Steven Lantz, Denver, Colo., celebrated the birth of Seth Elias Kaczor Lantz on June 3. He joins Elsa, 11.

Allison Keith Kaelberer '94, Englewood, Colo., works for Johnson & Johnson as a district sales manager for the Pricara Division.

Cheryl L. Kaufman '94 and **Brian Mast (staff '04-present)**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Tobias Sebastian on June 4. He joins Mackenzie, 5, and Tristan, 2.

Kurt A. Kennel '92 and **Betty Lew Kennel '93**, Rochester, Minn., celebrated the birth of Caleb Owen on Feb. 22. He joins Simon, 8, and Naomi, 5.

Darvis E. King '93 and **Shelly Nester King '93**, Normal, Ill., celebrated the birth of Jordan Sarah. She joins Jonah, 7, Evan, 5, and Emma, 2. Darvis does inpatient and outpatient physical therapy rehab and continues to help develop a rural high school sports medicine program. Shelly is a stay-at-home mom and teaches Kindermusik part time.

Eric R. Kurtz '93 and **Carmen Horst '94**, Goshen, celebrated the adoption of Elisa Christina Marie on June 23. She was born on June 18 in El Paso, Texas.

Robert M. Kurtz '90, West Lafayette, Ind., recently launched www.speech-language-development.com, a Web site for parents with questions about their children's speech and language development. Robert also works full-time as a speech-language pathologist and is working on a Ph.D. in speech, language and hearing sciences at Purdue University.

Henriette C. Lambo '92, Amsterdam, Netherlands, teaches at a high school with students who have behavioral problems and special needs. She is also pursuing a graduate degree in educational science.

Rick L. Lengacher '91, Goshen, teaches first grade at York Elementary School, Bristol. **Jan Kolb Lengacher '91** teaches fifth grade at Waterford Elementary School, Goshen.

Shawn M. Lepley '93, Harrisonburg, Va., is a family physician with Rockingham Memorial Hospital. **Susannah Gerber Lepley '94** is executive director of NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center.

Steve L. Lichty '94, Gainesville, Fla., received a M.A. in international relations from Baylor University in May 2006 and last fall started his third year of a Ph.D. program in political science at the University of Florida.

Scott E. McDowell '92, Elkhart, Ind., received the 2008 Lawrence William Tuck Fire Investigator of the Year Award from the Indiana chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators on Aug. 18, in Indianapolis.

Douglas J. Miller '90 and **Laura "Lali" Hess '94**, Crawfordsville, Ind., celebrated the birth of Lucy Beatrix on March 29.

Terri R. Miller '93 started working as English Web editor at the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, Switzerland, in July.

Tim J. Miller '92, Lawrence, Kan., and Janet Griesel, Holton, Kan., were wed June 7. In May 2008, Tim earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of Kansas, where he is teaching American history.

Shuji Moriichi '91 and Ruth Johnston Moriichi, Minneapolis, Minn., celebrated the birth of Micah Jeeho Johnston Moriichi on May 8. Shuji works as chaplain/director of spiritual care at Cerenity Care Center-Bethesda of South St. Paul.

Kim Wright Morrison '94, Culver, Ind., teaches K-6th grade music at Culver Elementary School.

Kent D. Nafziger '93, Archbold, Ohio, is director of development at Sauder Village.

Troy D. Osborne '94 and Emma Osborne, Saint Peter, Minn., celebrated the birth of Iris Katherine on Aug. 14. She joins Amelia, 2.

Mike Parker-Harley '94 (faculty '98-00) and **Jennifer Parker-Harley (faculty '98-00)**, and their two daughters, Ella, 4, and Lucia, 2, moved from Columbus, Ohio, to Columbia, S.C., where Mike is a visiting lecturer in theory and chamber music and Jennifer is assistant professor of flute at the University of South Carolina.

Gayatri T. Patnaik '90, Arlington, Mass., is executive editor at *Beacon Press* in Boston.

James D. Powell '90 and **Deb Houtz Powell '92**, Goshen, celebrated the adoption of Rosalinda Marili on April 16, 2007. Rosalinda was born on March 23, 2006, in Guatamala. She joins Michaela, 8. James is an ENL teacher at West Goshen Elementary School, and Deb is facility coordinator at Greencroft Retirement Center.

Jill L. Reedy '93 and Andrew Martin, Washington, D.C., celebrated the birth of Ava Reedy Martin on Oct. 5. She joins Jude, 2.

Natasha Sawatsky-Kingsley '93 and **Aaron Sawatsky-Kingsley '97**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Ania Maret on Nov. 5. She joins Terran, 4.

Calvin F. Swartzendruber '93 and Karen Swartzendruber, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Emily Paige on July 4. She joins Logan, 11, Madison, 8, and Michaela, 6. Calvin began teaching chemistry, physics and computer technology at Bethany Christian High School last fall.

Charlene Mast Thomas '90, Goshen, Ind., teaches first grade at Chandler Elementary School.

Tom R. Unzicker '91 and **Andrea Bontrager Unzicker '91** and their two children began a 13-month assignment on Aug. 6 with Mennonite Central Committee in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Tom is setting up a pottery workshop and training students for Rajana Association, which trains and employs rural/poor young people and women in various handicrafts traditions (silk, woodcarving, now pottery). Andrea is working for RehabCrafts, helping with management and identifying additional business opportunities for disabled Cambodians.

Doug W. Valverde '91 and **Joanna Oyer '91**, Normal, Ill., celebrated the birth of Adam Douglas on Dec. 4, 2007. He joins Nathan, 8, and Seth, 5. Doug is a speech-language pathologist for Unit 5 Schools, and Joanna works part time as an ESL instructor at Heartland Community College.

Tim M. Weidner '94, Hamilton, Ohio, is the chief financial officer at FreestoreFoodbank.

Mike J. Wruble '92, Elkhart, Ind., graduated in 2008 from Indiana Wesleyan University with an M.B.A. He is practice manager for the outpatient mental health department at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mary K. Yoder '91, London, Ohio, is a psychiatric nursing clinical instructor for Mount Carmel College of Nursing as well as a psychiatric staff nurse at Mount Carmel Medical Center. She is beginning a master's degree program in January 2009.

Tonya F. Yoder '91, Seattle, Wash., changed careers from being a senior chemist at Aerojet Redmond Rocket Center to being a full-time potter. She started her pottery business, Crow Hill Pottery, in January 2008, apprenticing with her father, **Roy K. Yoder '66**. She is also an associate of Oakleaf Pottery, which is Roy's pottery business in Bally, Pa.

DEATH

Steve L. Hershberger '90, Goshen, drowned June 12, in Costa Rica while accompanying 32 students and four other adults on an Educational Foundation Spanish Tour. He taught at Fairfield High School for 14 years.

NEWS 1995-99

Hermann D. Bauer-Alvarez '95, San Juan, Puerto Rico, is an adjunct professor at the University of Puerto Rico Law School, where he teaches courses

FULBRIGHT ALLOWS TWO RECENT ALUMNI TO TRAVEL ABROAD, AGAIN

Kathryn Stutzman '07

Scott Barge '99

Kathryn Stutzman '07 spent six weeks of her Study-Service Term (SST) in the Dominican Republic working on an iguana farm and **Scott Barge '99** spent three years in Lithuania with Mennonite Mission Network (MMN) teaching English at Lithuania Christian College after graduating from Goshen College.

This year both Stutzman and Barge are back in the Dominican Republic and Lithuania with Fulbright Fellowships. They are two of 1,450 U.S. citizens to be awarded the fellowship for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Stutzman says that her SST experience working on a rhinoceros iguana farm inspired her to apply for the program. "I fell in love with the region and the project and saw a need for someone trained in biology," she said. She began working with the endangered species starting in September.

Scott Barge also returned to the Baltic nation of Lithuania in September. Now a doctoral student at Harvard, his role in Lithuania is studying the models of higher education in the country. "LCC International University and several other private institutions in the region are implementing liberal arts educational models that are, in some ways, fundamentally different from the more common undergraduate education models of Europe and the former Soviet Union," he said. "My research will give me the opportunity to better understand the nature of those differences."

–By Luke Nofsinger '09

regarding bankruptcy issues in structured financing and business acquisitions. Hermann remains a partner in the Litigation Department of O'Neill & Borges, one of the largest law firms in Puerto Rico.

Erin Gingerich Bennetts '97, Englewood, Colo., was recognized by Colorado School Based Health Centers as Outstanding Mental Health Provider of the year and received an inspiration award in April 2008. She works part time as a mental health therapist for Denver Great Kids Head Start.

Zach K. Bishop '97 and Christina M. Alderfer, Denver, Colo., celebrated the birth of Nicholas James on Aug. 13.

Tom R. Chavez '99, Houston, Texas, returned to the United States after spending seven years abroad in Mexico City, Russia, Kazakhstan, Poland, Slovakia, Germany and South Korea as a counseling psychologist, a social worker and as an English teacher.

Jon D. Christophel '99 and **Carrie Stoltzfus '02**, Washington, D.C., were wed May 31. Jon is a nanny for three boys in Chevy Chase, Md. Carrie is the client services manager at Food & Friends, an agency that delivers meals to individuals living with HIV and other life-challenging illnesses.

Jen L. Christophel Lichti '96, Indianapolis, Ind., a licensed clinical social worker, is a program director at Brooke's Place for Grieving Young People. **Nate Lichti '02** recently completed his master's degree in public affairs (nonprofit management track) at Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He is the housing coordinator for Mapleton Fall Creek Development Corporation.

Kori Garber Cripe '96, Goshen, is a guidance counselor at Heritage Intermediate School, Middlebury, after working as a school nurse for eight years. In 2006 she received her master of science in education degree in counseling and human services from Indiana University South Bend.

Craig P. Dagen '96 and Heidi Dagen, Pasadena, Calif., celebrated the birth of Lydia Sarah on Oct. 11.

Peter J. Eberly '98 and **Natalie Lehman Eberly '98**, Harrisonburg, Va., celebrated the birth of Isaac Christian on April 22. He joins Evan, 4, and Olivia, 2. Peter graduated from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in April with a master's of divinity degree. On April 27, he was ordained as associate pastor of youth at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church.

Rex A. Ellsworth '99, Elkhart, Ind., is a foundry technician/pattern maker at Conn-Selmer Musical Instruments.

Bryan R. Falcón '95 and **Elizabeth Smucker '02**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Sebastian Alexander Falcón on June 14. He joins Willow, 2.

Adam G. Fleming '97, Goshen, was invited to exhibit his sculpture at the New Harmony (Ind.) Gallery June 21-Aug. 3. Adam and **Megan Heisey Fleming '02** are studying to become certified Life Focus coaches.

Jarrod C. Foust '98, Columbus, Ohio, is inventory operations manager at Exel Logistics.

Jon A. Friesen '96 and **Kristin Wengerd Friesen '96**, Chicago, Ill., celebrated the birth of Caroline Elizabeth on Sept. 22. She joins Nathan, 5.

Shawn M. Gerber '99 and **Rachel Springer Gerber '00**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Conner Daniel on Nov. 27. He joins Owen, 2.

Claire R. Gisel '98, Elkhart, Ind., is a social worker at Oaklawn.

Angie R. Gunden '99 and **Seth Kauffman '00**, Houston, Texas, celebrated the birth of Norah Gunden Kauffman on Oct. 15.

Eric C. Harley '97 and Becca Toppin Harley '00, Lagrangeville, N.Y., celebrated the birth of Hannah Elizabeth on Nov. 16, 2007. She joins Noah, 5, and Jadon, 4. Becca is a stay-at-home mom. Eric received a Ph.D. in physics from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 2006 and works as a researcher for IBM at their East Fishkill, N.Y., facility.

Jill Miller Hartsock '98 and Bill Hartsock, Kalona, Iowa, celebrated the birth of Braden Joseph on Oct. 3.

Matt D. Hickman '99 and Debra Hickman, Cassopolis, Mich., celebrated the arrival of Makyla Elizabeth on Sept. 13, 2006. Makyla was born on Sept. 11, 2006, and the adoption was completed on April 7, 2008. Matt graduated in May with a master of divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He began as associate pastor of youth and family life at Mennonite Church of Normal (Ill.) in the fall.

Megan L. Histand '99 and her husband Ryan Robinett, Santa Monica, Calif., celebrated the birth of Cole Alexander Histand Robinett on Sept. 17, 2007. Megan completed her training to become a certified yoga teacher in 2007.

David "Doc" A. Johnson '98 and **Sheena Yoder Johnson '00**, Tiskilwa, Ill., celebrated the birth of Lydia Faith on Jan. 20, 2008. David is executive director at Menno Haven Camp and Retreat Center. Sheena works part time as bookkeeper at the retreat center.

Nan Beyeler Kanagy '97 and **Kevin Kanagy '03**, Bedford, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Madi on April 27. She joins Hannah, 2. Kevin and Nan began as co-pastors of Friendship Mennonite Church on June 1. Nan received her M.A. degree in church leadership and Kevin his M.Div. degree, both from Eastern Mennonite Seminary, in April 2007.

Renee M. Kanagy '96, Newton, Kan., graduated May 24 with a master of divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind. In September she began as pastor of New Creation Fellowship.

Jennifer Lantz Kauffman '99 and Nathan Kauffman, Ames, Iowa, celebrated the birth of Emma Joelle on May 25. She joins Logan, 2.

Austin J. Kaufmann '98 received a master of arts degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from American University, Washington, D.C., in 2006 and then worked at the International Language Institute. He was hired by Georgetown University's Center for Learning and Education Department Program as an associate professor to train teachers in the TESOL Certificate Program at Sung Kyun Kwan University in Seoul, Korea. **Victoria M. Solomon '01** has been working for the past 3.5 years as a newspaper reporter for *The Current Newspapers*, a local weekly paper in Washington, D.C.

Eric G. Kaufmann '96, Goshen, teaches art at Bethany Christian Schools.

Jennifer I. Koop '97 and Ryan Olsta, Milwaukee, Wis., were wed Oct. 18. Jennifer is a pediatric neuropsychologist at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

Mark A. Landes '99 and **DeeDee Martin Landes '05**, Lakewood, Colo., celebrated the birth of Kason James on Sept. 16. DeeDee is a registered nurse at Swedish Medical Center in Denver, and Mark works in the public finance group at JPMorgan Chase, focusing on healthcare transactions.

Jason E. Lehman '99 and **Patty Gross '00**, Goshen, were wed May 31.

Terry E. Reinford Martin '98 and Wanda Reinford Martin, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Emilia Rose Reinford Martin on July 28. Terry teaches Spanish at Parkside Elementary School.

Tanya S. Martin Nisly '98 and Kevin Martin Nisley, Hutchinson, Kan., celebrated the birth of Hannah Marie on May 12, 2007. She joins Sadie, 3. Tanya works part time in on-call after-hour crisis situations at Horizons Mental Health Center.

Aaron J. Miller '96, New York, N.Y., is now director of the Lincoln Child Advocacy Center at the Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center and continues as assistant professor of pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Felisa G. Miller '99 and William Mattar, Lancaster, Pa., celebrated the birth of Jubra'il Zayd on Sept. 13, 2007. Felisa teaches eighth grade social studies at Lincoln Middle School in Lancaster.

Rebeka K. Moeljono '99, Elkhart, Ind., graduated May 24 with a master of arts in Christian formation degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. She is continuing as graphic designer for Mennonite Mission Network.

Derek M. Moon '99 and Jennifer Moon, Phoenix, Ariz., celebrated the birth of Taylor Megan on Aug. 17.

David S. Moyer '96 and **Starla Haas Moyer '98**, Lititz, Pa., celebrated the birth of Arlen David on Oct. 15. David is a courier at a law firm in Lancaster, and Starla will return to work at Diamond Street Early Childhood Center in Akron, Pa., after a three-month maternity leave.

Adam M. Nafziger '98, and Nicole Fitch, Minneapolis, Minn., celebrated the birth of Freya Helaine on Nov. 1. She joins Linus, 2. Adam continues his work as a stay-at-home dad.

Alex Naula '03 and **Julia Adams Naula '03** were Study-Service Term (SST) faculty leaders in Peru for the fall 2008 semester.

Jon L. Nofziger '98 and **Katie Graber '99**, Worthington, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Nina Nofziger-Graber on June 12. She joins Ivan, 2.

Roger L. Prough '98 and **Jennifer**

Vardaman Prough '99, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Jacelle Liana on Sept. 11. She joins Kellen, age 2.

Dave E. Ramer '97 and Stephanie Ramer, Middlebury, Ind., celebrated the birth of Joshua Glenn on Oct. 30. He joins Mikayla, 5, and Ethan, 2.

Megan M. Ramer '98 and Jon Stutzman, Chicago, Ill., were wed on April 26. Megan continues to pastor Chicago Community Mennonite Church.

Carla Nunemaker Richer '97, Middlebury, Ind., works half time at York Elementary School, Bristol, as a Title I teacher.

Jon D. Schrock '99, Mandy Yoder '99 and their son Noah moved to Goshen on July 1. Jon works at OSMC as a pain management physician. He completed a residency in anesthesiology in June 2007 and a fellowship in pain management in June 2008, both at Indiana University School of Medicine. Mandy was installed associate pastor of congregational care and nurture at Belmont Mennonite Church in Elkhart on Sept. 7, after serving as associate pastor at First Mennonite Church of Indianapolis for four years.

Jen L. Smith '98, Running Springs, Calif., is assistant director of Outdoor Education at Pali Institute in southern California. This past summer she was assistant director at Point Reyes National Seashore in northern California just north of San Francisco.

Phil S. Smucker '97 and **Jessica Yoder Smucker '99** moved to Santa Fe, N.M., in the summer where Phil began working as a neurosurgeon at St. Vincent Hospital.

Eric L. Springer '99, Champaign, Ill., completed his M.A. in education from the University of Northern Iowa and teaches part time in the business department at Parkland College in Champaign as well as being a stay-at-home dad. **Sonia Gingerich Springer '99** received a M.S.N. from the University of Iowa in 2006 and is a staff nurse anesthetist at Carle Clinic/Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Ryan E. Springer '96, Plano, Texas, transferred to the McGladrey & Pullen, LLP office in Dallas in July as senior associate.

Phil C. Swartzendruber '98, Seattle, Wash., and Marie Ammerman, Portland, Ore., were wed Aug. 16.

Amy E. Thut '99, Goshen, and Gregory M. Imbur, Platteville, Wis., were wed Oct. 18. Amy is a science teacher at Bethany Christian High School, and Gregory is professor of education at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville.

Corbett D. Troyer '96, Brownsburg, Ind., works at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis as a clinical social worker in the department of psychiatry.

Tim L. Troyer '96, an assistant professor of organic chemistry at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W.Va., defended his doctoral thesis in organic chemistry on Sept. 1 at Vanderbilt University. **Angie Amstutz Troyer '99** is campus nurse coordinator in the health center at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Brad D. Weirich '96, Goshen, worked as a value stream manager for two years for Better World Books. He opened a Better World Books store in Goshen and is the retail manager.

Tim S. Whitford '95 is living in Korea and teaching English as a Second Language in a public elementary school until April 2009.

Peter D. Wiens '97 and Annie Chou, Harrisonburg, Va., celebrated the birth of Jason on Sept. 17, 2007. Peter teaches social studies at Broadway High School.

Tina Miller Yeater '96 and Brad Yeater, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Zoe Madison on Sept. 19.

Laura Glick Yoder '97 and **Ed Yoder '98**, Harrisonburg, Va., celebrated the birth of Lewis Eli Thomas on Aug. 18. He joins Eleanor, 2.

Jason C. Yoder Rupp '99, Goshen, began teaching math at Bethany Christian Schools last fall.

Hisako Yoshimura '95, Chicago, Ill., received an M.A. in women's studies at Loyola University Chicago in May 2008 and is currently a part-time teacher for the department of modern languages and literatures at Loyola University Chicago.

Krista J. Zimmerman '97 is deputy director for International Justice Mission in Bangalore, Karnataka, India. She formerly worked for Mennonite Central Committee as a legislative associate in Washington, D.C. Krista received her juris doctorate from the University of Notre Dame in 2001.

NEWS 2000

Michael Aworl, Chicago, Ill., is pursuing an M.B.A. through the part-time program at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business, concentrating in economics and finance. He continues working as vice president in asset-based lending at JPMorgan Chase.

Becky L. Brown and Josh Kelly, Asheville, N.C., were wed on May 24. Becky is homebuyer and savings manager at OnTrack Financial Education and Counseling.

Nick J. Cook and Briana Moceri, Berkley, Mich., were wed Aug. 23. Nick is in his final year of residency for orthopedic surgery at Beaumont Hospital.

Colin M. Dechant and Aleah Dechant, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Parker Allen on Aug. 18. Colin continues to work for Forest River, Inc., Elkhart, Ind., in sales and marketing.

Melissa Fisher Fast and **David Fisher Fast '01**, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated the birth of John Micah on Aug. 2.

Rachel Geissinger and Brian Hoskins, Minneapolis, Minn., were wed July 15, 2007. Rachel works at the Minnesota Environmental Fund. She also began a one-year baking and pastry program this past fall.

Rachel S. Glick, Greenfield, Mass., teaches English as a second language in a mainstream classroom (sheltered English instruction) as a co-teacher in a combined first/second grade class at the Gerena School, a public Montessori school in Springfield.

Susan E. Harley, Grosse Pointe, Mich., is currently in her second year of residency in general surgery at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. She received her M.D. degree in December 2006 at Duke University after earning a master of music degree in flute performance from the University of Minnesota in 2002.

Anne Horst and Rod Hanby, Chicago, Ill., were wed Aug. 2. Anne is a development associate at Uhlich Children's Advantage Network (UCAN), Chicago.

Janna L. Hunter-Bowman and Jess Hunter-Bowman, Bogota, Colombia, celebrated the birth of Amara Wallace on March 11.

Diana M. Law and Christopher Jarot, Geneva, Ill., celebrated the birth of Evan Christopher on April 16. He joins Lucy, age 3. Diana is the managing partner of Law ElderLaw, in Aurora, Ill., which focuses on the needs of senior citizens.

Mike C. McHugh and **Heidi Stoltzfus McHugh '03**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Ella Beth Stoltzfus McHugh on Aug. 6. She joins Ian, 2.

Jim L. Neff and **Kelly Sauder Neff '01** moved to Goshen where Jim is now a representative for Mennonite Foundation. Kelly works part time as a prenatal care coordinator for Healthy Babies/Elkhart County Health Department.

Cheryl Gilbert Payne, Mishawaka, Ind., a student at the University of Notre Dame, is a cancer research technician working on prostate cancer.

Justin Rothshank and **Brooke Rothshank**, Pittsburgh, Pa., celebrated the birth of Layton Beatty on Nov. 7.

Ramont G. Schrock and his wife Elisabeth Harder Schrock began a three-year term in August with Mennonite Central Committee, working in southern Bolivia with Old Colony Mennonites.

Charlotte Gingerich Shristi and her husband, Micah Keller Shristi, began a three-year term with Mennonite Central Committee in Nepal. Charlotte is developing war trauma-healing materials and trainings.

Laura K. Sider and **Jacob Stoltzfus Jost '02** were married on June 28. They live in Cambridge, Mass., where Laura works in communications with the Association of Independents in Radio, a public radio professional organization, and Jacob is in his fourth year of a Ph.D. program in English literature at Harvard University.

Michael J. Yoder, Hartville, Ohio, teaches special education at Green High School in the Green Local School District.

NEWS 2001

Stephan K. Bontrager, Pittsburgh, Pa., was named one of Pittsburgh's 2008 "40 Under 40" by *Pittsburgh Magazine* in November. The award honors his work as director of education and outreach at public radio station 91.3 FM WYEP, as well as his contributions to the city's nonprofit and arts communities. Stephan serves on the Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience (PULSE) Board of Directors.

Patty Frey Brown, Troy, Ohio, teaches fourth and fifth grade visual arts at Huber Heights City Schools. She taught the previous two years at Troy Christian School. **Daniel R. Brown '02** owns Market Studios North with **Aaron Gosser '02**, Saint Paris, Ohio. Dan has limited his painting to hot rods and customs in oil on canvas. He

was recently featured in two magazines and has work in a gallery in Los Angeles. His work has sold all over the U.S. and as far as the United Kingdom and Paris, France.

Bijayendra Chapagain, Kathmandu, Nepal, teaches at K and K College in Kathmandu, and just started his own institute, "Study Smart International," which offers courses in how to take the ACT, TOEFL, SAT, GRE, GMAT, IELTS tests as well as courses in math, science, marketing, English, economics and computer training to prepare students for abroad studies.

Maria Schumacher Earnest and Nick Earnest, Nampa, Idaho, celebrated the birth of Ezekiel Wayne on April 2. He joins Greta, 2.

Marcus L. Ebright Zehr and Robin Ebright Zehr, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Holden Eli on Aug. 28. He joins Aiden, 3.

Tina Widmer English and **John English '02**, Fresno, Calif., celebrated the birth of Lola Niamh on Aug. 25. She joins Gavin, 2.

Joe C. Foust and his wife Leigh moved from Columbus, Ohio, to Philadelphia, Pa., in September to accept the position of manager of trade and distribution with Azur Pharma.

Carrie Friesen-Meyers, Newport Beach, Calif., has a one-year position as a law clerk for Judge David O. Carter, a federal judge who sits in the Central District of California Courthouse. **Eliot Friesen-Meyers '02** teaches English at the University of California-Irvine's English and Certificates for Internationals program.

Dan J. Graber, Goshen, received a master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University in August 2008 and continues to teach physical education and coach girls' soccer at Goshen High School. He was voted as the Northern Lakes Conference girls' soccer coach of the year in 2006 and 2007.

Bricianie Brice Jeudnez and Gregory Jeudnez, Fermath, Haiti, celebrated the birth of Yanick. She joins Moise, 4, and Nathan, 2. Bricie started working on her master in education project degree.

Ben K. Johnson and Morgan Rulli Johnson, Middlebury, Ind., celebrated the birth of Emerson Gray on Oct. 22. He joins Hayden, 20 months.

Nick R. Johnson and Anna Dykstra, South Bend, Ind., were wed June 28.

Sarah Sales Lashley, Chicago, Ill., received certification in July 2008 and is a national licensed massage therapist.

Elijah O. Metekai and Priscillah Metekai, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Sarina on April 16. She joins Lillian, 3.

Ezra Nugroho and Juniana, Milpitas, Calif., were wed on July 26. Ezra completed a master of science degree in computer science from Pennsylvania State University in the summer of 2005 and now works as a senior software engineer at SpikeSource Inc. in Redwood City, Calif.

Mike S. Sargent and **Rachel Faunce Sargent '03**, Kokomo, Ind., celebrated the birth of Isabella Sophia on July 18. Michael is now interim principal at Bon Air Middle School in the Kokomo Center School Corporation.

Mike J. Schaaf and Jeannette Perez, Worthington, Ohio, were wed July 25.

NEWS 2002

Kurtis L. Baumgartner, Noblesville, Ind., and Kaitlin C. Hertzler, Indianapolis, Ind., were wed July 19. He is employed as a volunteer and resource development specialist at Hamilton County Park Department.

Heidi J. Birky Goldman, Indianapolis, Ind., illustrated her second published book, *The Story, The Legend of Fearless Fred.*

Aaron D. Cunningham and Carmen Cunningham, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Isaac David Ray on June 26. He joins Elizabeth Marie Rose, 2.

Peter B. Fairfield and Bethany Versluis Fairfield, Harrisonburg, Va., celebrated the birth of Elisabeth Violet on June 13.

Aaron C. Gosser and Sarah Gosser, Saint Paris, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Henry on Oct. 29, 2007. He joins Lola, 2. Aaron received his master of fine arts degree in visual art from the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University in May 2007 and is in his fourth year of teaching studio art and art history at Cedarville (Ohio) University.

Ashish P. Joshi, Kathmandu, Nepal, is working on his E-MBA, executive master's in business administration degree, at Kathmandu University.

Rishi Khanna, Bloomington, Ind., is in his first year of a two-year M.B.A. program at Indiana University, Kelley School of Business.

Rustin W. Nyce, Goshen, teaches fifth grade at New Paris (Ind.) Elementary School.

Derrick D. Ramer, Nappanee, Ind., was ordained as youth pastor at North Main Street Mennonite Church on Oct. 12.

Robby W. Reeder, Portland, Ore., and **Nicole M. Brenneman '05**, Canby, Ore., were wed Aug. 8.

Lindsae Rhoades and Brian Gilbert, Greenfield, Ind., were wed March 25, 2007. Lindsae works as a real estate professional at Century 21 Realty Group Elsbury office, Greenfield.

Adam C. Scharf, Goshen, received a cost-share grant to install a green, or

ALUMNUS GETS YOUTH EXCITED ABOUT WRITING

After spending his career around professional athletes and sportswriters, it was only natural for **Byron Yake '61** to tap his full Rolodex for a cause greater than himself.

The former Associated Press sports editor – who was at the wire service for 35 years – founded "Write on Sports" in 2006, a two-week summer or 10-week after-school program in New Jersey cities that encourages middle schoolers to learn how to write by tapping into their love of sports. The program focuses on serving youth with promise who need scholarships and offers opportunities to interview celebrity athletes, hold mock press conferences, create videos, learn how to form compelling and grammatically correct sentences and learn more about sports.

More than 100 students have participated in the program and have gained a sense of what a career in sports journalism would mean, but "it's the writing that matters to me. I don't care if any of these kids become sportswriters," said Yake, who hopes to expand the program to more cities. "The issue is if a kid can get inspired through sports to learn and enjoy the process of writing. That's what really matters."

– Jodi H. Beyeler

living roof, on his apartment, as well as on the porch roof of one of his rental houses, which will be the first green roofs in Goshen.

Debbie A. Sensenich and Darin Friesen, Olivette, Mo., were wed on June 7. Debbie continues to work as a meeting coordinator for Current Temp.

Dustin Wyse-Fisher, West Peoria, Ill., received a master's degree in technology education from Illinois State University in 2005 and is an instructor of graphic design at Robert Morris College in Peoria. He also runs wyse-fisher creative, a graphic design and screen printing business. **Tiffany Wyse-Fisher** teaches art and photography at Washington (Ill.) Community High School. She is currently pursuing a M.F.A. in photography from Academy of Art University in San Francisco and also owns and operates Venue, an art gallery in Washington.

Jeremy W. Yoder and **Maegan Gasa Yoder**, Baltimore, Md., celebrated the birth of Isabella Anne on July 31. Jeremy is currently working on a master of divinity degree at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Kent J. Yoder, Goshen, graduated on May 24 with a master of divinity degree from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, and is pursuing graduate studies in theology.

NEWS 2003

Anna S. Dick-Burkey and **Jayme Dick-Burkey '05**, Dorchester, Neb., celebrated the birth of Ellianna Kay on June 12. She joins Bowen, 5. Jayme manages Slepicka Construction, a local earth-moving company recently purchased by and now a subdivision of Burkey Farms, Inc.

Dan E. Dick, Goshen, and Richelle Yoder, Middlebury, Ind., were wed Sept. 27.

Marliese Dyck and Virgil Underwood were wed on Aug. 16 and reside in Avon, Ind. Marliese continues to work as a hairstylist at Tyler Mason Salon and Spa in Indianapolis.

Vicky Eiermann and Sean Secunda, Goshen, were wed July 3. Vicky is employed as a dental assistant at Afdent Dental, Mishawaka.

Cindy L. Gross, Goshen, teaches third grade at Orchard View Elementary School, Middlebury.

Bethany Fleming Keener, Arlington, Va., began a field project at Women's Foreign Policy Group in Washington, D.C., and will graduate with a master of nonprofit administration from the University of Notre Dame in 2009.

Tricia A. Kurtz, South Bend, Ind., graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine in May 2007 and is doing her residency in family medicine at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Rose Martin and Jason Kousky, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Jasmin Joy on Jan. 9, 2008.

Tim J. Nafziger, Chicago, Ill., works as a Web developer and as outreach coordinator for Christian Peacemaker Teams, of which both he and **Charletta Erb** are reservists. Charletta is a consultant with Evergreen Leaders and is currently developing training materials and co-authoring a forthcoming book, *7 Paths of Thriving Organizations*, offering consultancy, coaching and facilitation on the issues nonprofits and other organizations face. She also is partnering with On Earth Peace as a practitioner to provide training in participatory decision making.

Christian C. Ngouen, Gaithersburg, Md., is a senior strategy analyst working on market development, mergers and acquisition, and strategic planning for Holcim, one of the world's leading producers of cement and aggregates.

Tasara E. Redekopp, Washington, D.C., is pursuing a master of library science degree at the University of Maryland. She has a graduate assistantship as an academic adviser in the College of Chemical and Life Sciences.

Steve A. Schmidt and Rachel Schmidt, Warsaw, Ind., celebrated the birth of Kyra Jade on Aug. 28.

Sarah E. Shirk, Conestoga, Pa., began working in September as a full-time member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams project in Barrancabermeja, Colombia.

Stacie Long Short, Elkhart, Ind., completed the transition to teaching program at Goshen College in December 2007 and is now teaching fourth grade at Waterford Elementary School, Goshen.

Stephanie Short, Carmel, Ind., teaches history at Clay Middle School.

Soe Soe, DeKalb, Ill., is a research analyst at Northern Illinois University.

Anne Troyer Weaver and **Jeffrey Weaver** moved to Rochester, N.Y., so Anne could begin her Ph.D. studies in musicology at Eastman School of Music.

NEWS 2004

Charity Brubaker and **Paul Ortman (staff '05-present)**, Goshen, were wed Aug. 16. Charity is a VORP caseworker at the Center for Community Justice in Elkhart, and Paul is a technical specialist with ITS at Goshen College.

Lindsay Short Doehrmann and Adam Doehrmann, Olathe, Kan., celebrated the birth of Katelyn Rae on April 30.

Julie M. Geiser, Wheaton, Ill., traveled to Kenya and Tanzania in May on a Mennonite Central Committee Learning

PLANTING 'SEEDS OF THE KINGDOM'

What could be more fun for a group of young adults than a road trip together? For **Randy Keener '08**, **Jessica Roth '06**, **Elizabeth Troyer-Miller '06**, **Matt Troyer-Miller '05** and **Mark Gingerich '05**, such a road trip took them last summer to Mennonite congregations in the Central Plains Mennonite Conference to explore "what it means to talk about peace and live into God's vision for Shalom while being rooted in Jesus Christ."

The group, calling themselves Seeds of the Kingdom, started in Kalona, Iowa, on June 28 and ended over 4,300 miles later on Oct. 5 in Lebanon, Pa., after trekking through South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota. At each stop, the group shared from personal journeys and desired to also learn from those they met. Their workshops included remembering the radical commitments of early Christians and an intergenerational session focusing on stories of alternative service during times of war.

"This summer has challenged me to put my faith to words in ways I haven't done before," wrote Elizabeth Troyer-Miller on the group blog (seedsofthekingdom.blogspot.com). "I don't think that our faith should all be about words, but for me, as I have had to speak what I believe and why I choose to live the way I do, it becomes more real."

– Jodi H. Beyeler

Service Tour.

Renee Brooks Hylkema and Andy Hylkema, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Kingston Mackennen on May 23.

David C. Johnson, Goshen, and Bettia Widmer, Kalona, Iowa, were wed Aug. 2. They are residing in Harrisonburg, Va.

Andrew T. Kauffman, Goshen, completed the transition to teaching program at Goshen College in December 2007 and began teaching third grade at Chandler Elementary School this past fall.

Greta A. Kauffman, Chicago, Ill., received her master of social work degree in May 2008 from the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Laura G. Kraybill began a master's degree program this past fall in theatre education at Emerson College in Boston, Mass.

Eric A. Nisly and Ane Nisly, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Joseph Anthony on Aug. 15.

Angela Nugroho, West Des Moines, Iowa, graduated in May 2007 with a master's degree in nutritional sciences from Iowa State University. She works as a chemist at Eurofins Scientific, Des Moines.

Ben R. Reed, Minneapolis, Minn., received the Jerome Fellowship for Emerging Artists for 2008-09 from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. The year-long fellowship culminates with an exhibition at the MCAD Gallery in fall 2009. Ben finished a master of fine art in May from MCAD. The thesis show was a documented performance in a video/sculpture installation at the Soap Factory in Minneapolis. Ben is a self-employed artist designer.

John I. Weldy moved to Lexington, Ky., this past fall to teach physical education at The Frankfort (Ky.) Christian Academy.

Aaron C. Wieand and **Stephanie Schmidt Wieand** moved to Portland, Ore., in August. Aaron works as financial accounting and reporting supervisor with The Regence Group, a not-for-profit health insurance provider. Stephanie is a substitute teacher.

NEWS 2005

Jeron S. Baker and **Leah E. Yoder '06**, Goshen, were married on June 28 and moved to Hesston, Kan. Jeron is the men's and women's tennis coach at Hesston College, and Leah teaches kindergarten at Slate Creek Elementary School, Newton.

Megan Morris Bibbey and Sean Bibbey, Hilliard, Ohio, celebrated the birth of Madison Elizabeth on Aug. 7. She joins Makenna, 1. Megan is a stay-at-home mom with their two daughters.

April Pottenger Brown and Brian Brown, Syracuse, Ind., celebrated the birth of Jacinda Pauline on Oct. 11. She joins Janae, 7, Brenna, 4, and Adria, 1.

Adam Dibert and **Lea Flatt Dibert '06**, Middlebury, Ind., celebrated the birth of Kaitlyn Reese on Sept. 1.

Steve M. Eigsti, Buda, Ill., began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August in Saint Louis, Mo., as a peace worker with Saint Louis Mennonite Peace Center.

Alma A. Hernandez, Ligonier, Ind., began teaching second grade at Chandler Elementary School, Goshen, this past fall.

Erik P. Hisner and his wife Jessica moved to South Whitley, Ind. Erik is in his third year of teaching physical education at Northrop High School in Fort Wayne. Last spring he completed his second year as head varsity baseball coach and began his first year as head varsity boys' tennis coach last fall, both at Whitco High School, South Whitley.

Kevin R. Hite, New Paris, Ind., is a reading recovery teacher at Milford (Ind.) Elementary School.

Katie A. Hochstedler, Saint Paul, Minn., studied culinary arts at Saint Paul (Minn.) College and graduated in December 2008. She also works part time as a breakfast cook at Trotter's Cafe and Bakery.

Daniel A. King, Urbana, Ill., is a graduate student at the University of Illinois in mechanical science and engineering.

Alex D. Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa., and **Victoria A. Vallejos '08**, Goshen, were wed on Aug. 22. They are living in Pittsburgh where Victoria works as a nurse at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in the cardio thoracic intensive care unit and Alex is pursuing a nursing degree at UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing.

Josh L. Miller and Victoria J. Adams, Elkhart, Ind., were wed July 26. Josh works as lawn service manager for Martin's Pet & Garden Center, Elkhart.

Kenan J. Miller and **Angie Caskey**, Milwaukee, Wis., were wed on July 5. Kenan is a youth counselor at St. Aemilian's-Lakeside, and Angie is a school psychologist for Milwaukee Public Schools.

Peter G. Moyer, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is in his second year of medical school at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland.

Rachel Naftali, Tucson, Ariz., passed the CPA exam and is now licensed as a certified public accountant. She is a senior accountant in the audit department at Keegan, Linscott, and Kenon PC, a public accounting firm.

Fallon Will Nyce and **Peter L. Nyce '06**, Saint Joseph, Mich., celebrated the birth of Caroline Grace Nyce on Sept. 5.

Gretchen Stoltzfus Paulovich and Jon Paulovich, Phoenix, Ariz., celebrated the birth of Owen Reid on June 9. Gretchen is also studying nursing at Glendale Community College.

Rachel E. Reimer, Wichita, Kan., graduated from the University of Kansas with a master's of social work degree and passed her licensing exam in May. She works as a school-based therapist at United Methodist Youthville, Family Consultation Service in Wichita.

Carole W. Ricketts, Haslett, Mich., graduated May 24 with a master of divinity degree with an emphasis in theological studies from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind. Carole began as pastor of Michigan State University Mennonite Fellowship in East Lansing, Mich., on June 1 and was licensed as pastor on Sept. 14.

Ashley Sider, Portland, Ore., worked as the person in charge for The Festival of Lights at The Grotto in Portland until the end of December and now works with community event planning at The Grotto.

LaMont R. Steiner and **Jennifer Rupp '06**, Goshen, were wed Sept. 13. LaMont is business manager at La-Troy Enterprises, and Jen is the communications coordinator at Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes, both in Goshen.

Rob L. Vander Giessen-Reitsma and his wife Kirstin, Grand Rapids, Mich., share a position in the student activities office of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, where they help schedule and market a concert and film season, organize the biennial Festival of Faith & Music, and work with students to develop discernment skills in the area of popular culture. They also continue to manage two nonprofit organizations, which they started, World Fare, a fair trade store in Three Rivers, Mich., and *culture is not optional, an organization that encourages and equips Christians to live faithfully in all areas of life

NEWS 2006

Susan M. Birk, Shippensburg, Pa., is a nurse at Carlisle Regional Medical Center.

Tanesha N. Fields, Elkhart, Ind., works as a level two registered nurse on the neonatal intensive care unit at Elkhart General Hospital.

Joshua J. Gross, Goodfield, Ill., started his second year of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August, serving at the Boulder (Colo.) Shelter for the Homeless.

Tara Plank Hartman, Newton, Kan., is teaching sixth grade science at Wilbur Middle School in Wichita.

Stephanie Hirschler and **Mike Honderich '08**, Goshen, were wed June 7.

Craig A. Mast and **Krista Shue Mast**, Goshen, began a one-year service term with the Radical Journey program in Paraguay. They are teaching English specifically for (but not exclusively to) church members of CONEMPAR (the Hispanic Mennonite Conference) who will be helping out in various capacities at the Mennonite World Conference in Paraguay next summer.

Josh R. Weaver, Elkhart, Ind., spent a year in a voluntary service assignment with Mennonite Central Committee in Jordan where he taught English to elementary and high school students and worked with Relief International, a nongovernment organization.

Andrea B. Wiens, Denver, Colo., works as a family liaison at Cowell Elementary School, Denver.

Marcos E. Wright Kuhns and **Beth Wright Kuhns '07** moved to Philippi, W.Va., where they began a two-year assignment as Service Adventure unit leaders in July. Marcos also works for Haiku Learning Systems.

Layne W. Wyse, Pittsburgh, Pa., works at Pittsburgh Center for the Arts as the ceramics coordinator.

DEATH

Todd E. Cripe, husband of **Cathie Ernst Cripe**, 307 Parmley Drive, Goshen, IN 46528, died June 14.

NEWS 2007

Eric B. Bixler, Cleveland Heights, Ohio,

is a first-year law student at Case Western Reserve University.

Dagan Y. Bontrager, Pittsburgh, Pa., is volunteering in a year-long assignment with PULSE (Pittsburgh Urban Leadership and Service Experience). He works as a Web development associate at a Web development company and is also an education assistant at the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation.

Kristi A. Bowman, Tucson, Ariz., extended her Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment for another year in Tucson, working with the same agency, CHRPA (Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona), doing emergency home repair.

Nate D. Colclasure and **Maggie Hoogenbom Colclasure**, Decatur, Ind., celebrated the birth of Emma E. Hazel on Aug. 18.

Nathan J. Detweiler, Coralville, Iowa, is a psychiatric nursing assistant at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinic.

Jonathan B. Gingrich, Goshen, began a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment in September as a youth care worker at Valley Teen Ranch in Fresno, Calif.

David I. Glick, Seattle, Wash., is a Web applications developer for ONE/Northwest, a nonprofit supporting the environment and grass roots organizations through the use of technology.

Chrissy M. Gosteli, Bloomington, Ill., is a student in the M.S.W. program at Illinois State University. She also works as a research assistant at ISU and as an intern at Chestnut Health Systems as a primary counselor for substance-addicted youth.

Erin L. Gotwals, Denver, Colo., is an English language acquisition (ELA) paraprofessional at Rishel Middle School.

Joe R. Hartman and **Jenna C. Yoder**, Goshen, were wed Aug. 30. Joe teaches art at South Side Elementary with Concord Community Schools, Elkhart, and Jenna continues to work at the Pierre Moran Branch of the Elkhart Public Library.

Kirsten S. Hartwig, Anchorage, Alaska, is a registered primary care nurse at Providence Extended Care Center on the transitional care unit.

Michelle R. Hopper, Goshen, is a registered nurse on the inpatient unit at Bowen Center, Warsaw.

Micah P. Jost, Lexington, Va., is a first-year student at Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Alana M. King, Anchorage, Alaska, is an educational interpreter at East High School.

Brandon A. Kurtz, Elkhart, Ind., and **Katie Meyer**, Fresno, Ohio, were wed on July 26. Brandon is in his second year of teaching art at Concord High School and Katie is a conservationist for the St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mary Jo Martin, Wakarusa, Ind., began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August in La Jara, Colo., as a community organizer with Adams State College Community Partnerships.

Christy Miller, Bellefontaine, Ohio, and **Kyle Hesed**, Lawrence, Kan., were wed Aug. 9. Both Christy and Kyle are graduate students at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Maryan A. Mohamed, Washington, D.C., is a program assistant and facilitator with Girls Inc. of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.

Aglaya V. Nickolova, London, England, is studying for her master's degree in accounting and finance in the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Miranda Parrish and Jeff Hankins, Warsaw, Ind., were wed June 16, 2007. Miranda works at Kosciusko Community Hospital as a registered nurse.

Anika J. Roth, Washington, D.C., began a Brethren Volunteer Service assignment with the Capital Area Food Bank in D.C. She had previously been working as a long-term substitute teacher at Northridge High School, Middlebury, Ind.

Riwaj Sharma, Stephenville, Texas, works for Sprint as a sales representative.

Kristina Kloosterman Skipper and Seth Skipper, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated the birth of Wyatt Samuel on Sept. 14.

Emily R. Stuckey, Denver, Colo., works as an outreach presenter for The Butterfly Pavilion, Westminster, Colo., an independent center that educates the public about invertebrates. Emily gives presentations about insects, spiders, butterflies and The Butterfly Pavilion throughout Denver and the surrounding areas.

Brandon J. Wengerd, Goshen, and Meagan Yoder, Garden City, Mo., were wed June 14. Brandon is employed in customer service and order processing at Dutch Mills Inc.

NEWS 2008

Justin L. Beauchamp, Valparaiso, Ind., and **Sami Fulton**, Wooster, Ohio were wed on June 28. They reside in Lansing, Mich., where Justin is pursuing a Ph.D. in cell biology at Michigan State University. Sami works as a laboratory aide in the biochemistry and molecular biology department.

Janie M. Beck, Goshen, began an M.Div. degree program with a theological studies concentration this past fall at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart.

Jodi M. Birkey, Goshen, works as a patient advocate at the Center for Healing and Hope, a joint ministry of more than 80 churches in Elkhart County, providing wholistic medical care for uninsured people in the community.

Charles E. Bontrager, Vail, Colo., works in retail and rental sales of skis and snowboard equipment for American Ski Exchange, a small ski shop.

Jes S. Buller, Goshen, has committed to a two-year assignment with Mennonite Central Committee in the SEED program, a new program for young adults which will focus on development, the role of the church, political advocacy, and peace and justice. She will be located in Zambrano, Colombia.

Laurelyn L. Foderaro, Harleysville, Pa., began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in September in Washington, D.C., as a protection counselor with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Cacia J. Frisbee and Craig Angel, Goshen, were wed Aug. 23. Cacia is a registered nurse in the medical surgical department at Goshen General Hospital.

Jake B. Gillette, Goshen, teaches physical education at Orchard View Elementary School in Middlebury.

Ebony Goodwin-Brown, Goshen, began a marketing/sales internship with Springer Design, Inc., and also works at Walgreen's.

Emily C. Habschmidt, Goshen, works as an intensive case manager in the therapeutic foster care program at Oaklawn Psychiatric Center.

Anna L. Hade, State College, Pa., is serving a one-year assignment with Mennonite Voluntary Service as a residential floor manager and children's program assistant at Raphael House in San Francisco, Calif.

Erica L. Hartman, Carmel, Ind, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August in Tucson, Ariz., as an assistant teacher with Pio Decimo Center.

Kelsey L. Hartman, Carmel, Ind., began a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service term in Fresno, Calif., working for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Fresno County as a program assistant at the administrative offices and as the librarian/tutor at one of the clubs.

Nathaniel D. Herr, Syracuse, N.Y., began medical school this fall at SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine, Syracuse.

Justin M. Hochstetler, Fort Wayne, Ind., received the Wall Street Journal Award, given annually to the most outstanding student in the business department. He started working for Ernst Young in Fort Wayne in September as a Staff I auditor.

Amber H. Hollinger, Kalispell, Mont., and **Mitchell Reid Yoder**, Oskaloosa, Iowa, were wed Aug. 2. Amber is the business manager for the Flathead Special Education Cooperative, and Mitch is a phlebotemist with the American Red Cross.

Kelly Wiebe Kane, Smithville, Ohio, is a registered nurse on the coronary care unit at Mercy Medical Center in Canton.

Shafkat I. Khan, Athens, Georgia, and **Fern Lehman**, Goshen, were wed May 20. Fern and Shafkat are both studying in a master's program at Odum School of Ecology at the University of Georgia, Athens.

Christina J. Leichty, Wellman, Iowa, started working as a registered nurse at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital in Iowa City on the oncology/medical and surgical unit in July.

Aaron Leichty-Kulp, Chapel Hill, N.C., and **Whitney M. Kulp**, Salunga, Pa., were wed Aug.16. Aaron is a graduate student at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, working towards a doctorate in biology.

Ashley R. Luty, Wichita, Kan., and Alex Graber, Crawfordsville, Iowa, were wed July 19.

Anna E. Mast, Charlottesville, Va., works in sales part time at Angelo Jewelry Gallery and part time at Albemarle Baking Company.

Betha C. Maust, West Jefferson, Ohio,

began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August in Sioux Falls, S.D., as a family literacy worker with Lutheran Social Services' Refugee and Immigration Programs.

Dee G. Reimer, Fort Wayne, Ind., is a registered nurse on a medical surgical renal floor at Lutheran Hospital.

Laura E. Roggie, Goshen, received the Indiana Certified Public Accountants Society Award, given to the top Goshen College senior accounting major. She works as associate auditor at McGladrey & Pullan, an accounting firm in Goshen.

Andre A. Shenk, Goshen, began graduate studies at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary this past fall.

Kelly Y. Shenk, Goshen, began a one-year term of Mennonite Voluntary Service in August in New York City as an intern with World Vision International.

Paul F. Shetler, Goshen, and **Rebecca Fast**, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, were wed July 27. In May and June, Paul was interim *Gospel Evangel* and *weLink* editor for Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference. Currently, he is pursuing a master's of international development degree at the University of Pittsburgh. He received the 2008 Global Economics Award from the Goshen College Business Department.

Carrie Brinks Stump and Joseph Stump, Elkhart, Ind., celebrated the birth of Isaiah Joseph on Oct. 25. Carrie works at Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse in the emergency room.

Ian W. Swartz and **Hannah Johnson**, Harrisonburg, Va., were wed Aug. 2. Both of them work as behavior support specialists at Crossroads Counseling.

Megan E. Vendrely, New Paris, Ind., began a one-year voluntary service assignment at the International Guest House in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 3.

Courtney L. Welborn, Yuma, Ariz., is a registered nurse on the post-surgical floor at Yuma Regional Medical Center.

Jason A. Yoder, Goshen, works for Mennonite.net as a system administrator and a software developer.

Matt S. Yoder, Elkhart, Ind., and Jessica Morelli, Ada, Ohio, were wed Aug. 9.

Faculty and staff NEWS

Carlos Gutierrez (faculty '05-present) and **Anna Bauer (faculty '05-present)**, Goshen, celebrated the birth of Charles William on July 18. Carlos is assistant professor of business, and Anna is piano program director for the Community School of the Arts.

Sheila D. King (faculty '08-present) and Chris King, Howe, Ind., celebrated the birth of Landon on Oct. 19.

Alumni news notes have been edited for length. Go to mygc.goshen.edu/alumni/Alumni_Online/Alumni_News_Notes to read the full-text of news about alumni.

ADULT EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

BULLETIN online GO TO WWW.GOSHEN.EDU/BULLETIN to view the group photo of the June 2008 England, Scotland and Wales Tour.

MICHIGAN TULIP FESTIVAL EXCURSION

May 6, 2009

A one-day Afternoon Sabbatical bus tour to Holland, Mich., to enjoy the annual Tulip Time Festival with a parade, a visit to the Veldeer's Tulip Farm and much more.

MENNONITE WORLD CONFERENCE/ PARAGUAY TOUR

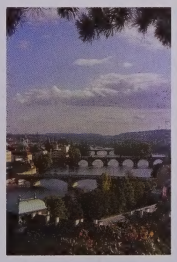
July 13-27, 2009

Following the Mennonite World Conference in Asunción, our Paraguay tour covers the Chaco, the Leprosy Station and the Jesuit ruins. The tour ends with Iguazu Falls and a Rio de Janeiro add-on. The tour will be led by Erv Boschmann and hosted by Janette Yoder. Register soon for the remaining spots.

AFTERNOON SABBATICAL EXCURSION

Fall 2009

Date and place to be announced.



EASTERN EUROPE

Oct. 6-22, 2009

Journey through five distinct areas: Warsaw and Krakow in Poland; Budapest, Hungary; the Danube Bend; Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Slovakia; and Prague in the Czech Republic with Odysseys Unlimited. The tour will be hosted by Janette Yoder.

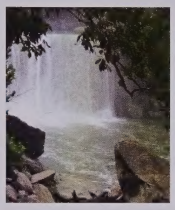
Register soon as the tour is nearly full.

THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

Late May 2010

A 10-day tour that begins in Vancouver with Butchart Gardens and then travels to Kamloops, Jasper, Lake Louise, Banff and Calgary.

Taking an "interested" list.

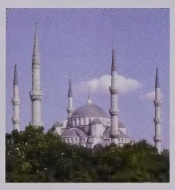


APPALACHIAN FALL COLOR EXCURSION

October 2010

A five-day bus tour through the Kentucky Appalachian region and to historic Asheville, N.C. The beautiful Biltmore Estate, traditional music, food and crafts as well as natural wonders like Cumberland Falls are some of the special features of the tour. The tour will be led by Vice President for Institutional Advancement Will Jones, a native of Kensee Hollow, and hosted by Janette Yoder.

Taking an "interested" list.



THE BEST OF TURKEY TOUR

Fall 2010

A 14-day tour to Turkey, visiting this interesting land where East meets West. The trip will include Istanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia, Ephesus, Pergamum, Troy and more.

Taking an "interested" list.

HELP US PLAN!

Be the first to receive word when trips are open for registration. If one of the trips interests you, call (574) 535-7565 to be placed on the "interested list." When the trip is finalized, those on the list will have first chance to register before the trip is open to the public.

If there is enough interest, the following tours will be offered:

- Spanish Sojourn - June 2011, would include Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, the wonders of Andalucia and southern Spain. A Moroccan extension would be offered. The tour would be led by Associate Professor of Spanish Dean Rhodes and hosted by Janette Yoder.
- Washington, D.C.
- Egypt
- Russia

Correspondence

Continued from inside cover

I especially appreciate Richard R. Aguirre's comments about "The Mennonite Game" ["From the Editor," Spring/Summer 2008]. As one who was raised in a Mennonite church, home and community, I can certainly relate to his having been "off-put" because of his name. It is said that the last thing a fish would discover is water and this seems to me to fit with what most Mennonite churches, particularly in rural areas, experience as their culture. I made one attempt to return to the Mennonite denomination and was similarly "off-put" by the Mennonite Game.

John Roth's article on denominations is an excellent think piece and the responses of the alumni ministers make it clear that the Mennonite denomination is varied in a healthy way. As a current member of the United Church of Christ, I am blessed to be a part of a denomination that finds strength in diversity of beliefs and inclusiveness. So many of the mainline denominations, in my experience, remain obsessed with either belief that they have the one true church or with obtaining strict conformity to their set of beliefs, rites, rituals or practices.

John didn't mention the efforts by denominations to promote unity through the use of a standard lectionary which allows different groups to worship in common as a "body of Christ." Denominations both organize and include as well as differentiate and exclude. Denominations restrict theological growth as well as provide resources for education into the prevailing views.

I wonder what denomination Jesus would belong to were he here in body?

Richard Vandiver '59
Lincoln City, Ore.

[The *Bulletin*] looks and feels expensive to print and to send!

Is the higher cost justified when probably only 20 to 30 percent read it? (I want my donations to go toward education and salaries and not slick mailings).

A plus would be the well-written articles with broad interest.

There is a middle ground. I do not think the *Bulletin* should be on "newsprint," but reducing it in size and weight would be a huge savings. Then a little tighter layout and fewer huge pictures would also help the "bottom line."

Mennonite means being conservative/ "green" across every item in the family/church/college budget.

Sally (Sarah) Brookmyer Hammitt '66
Central, S.C.

I agree with John D. Roth's thesis ["Do denominations matter," Spring/Summer 2008] and especially the end-time vision of multitudes around the throne. My experience makes me claim the many trees, one forest image, not the oak among the weeds

Denominations are like a family. They give you your identity, accent, looks and understanding of the divine. But just as it is worthwhile to move beyond family and rub shoulders with others, it is good to eat at another's table, share different breads. This is how our own family is enriched, our encounter with Jesus broadened. Still, our family remains a life-long nurturing unit.

For the past 14 years I have been an active member of First United Church of Christ in Flagstaff, Ariz., and a roster member and now-and-then visitor of Trinity Mennonite, two hours south in Phoenix. I have learned in the UCC congregation to appreciate honest openness and acceptance along with a predictable liturgy. I often "forget" that they are not Mennonite. My UCC brothers and sisters accept Mennonite me, even let me lead them through "Low in the Grave He Lay" one Easter morning when I did not go to Trinity to sing it acapella. And after each service we all join hands in a large circle around the sanctuary and sing, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

As one surrounded by Mennonites right through GC and into MCC and Mission Board assignments, I am glad to now see us from a neighbor's yard. Sometimes I flinch. Do Mennonites think they invented peace? Our family squabbles over who may sit at the table or be shunned appear petty. Other times I am nostalgic, almost proud even (in my Mennonite way) to share *Mennonite Weekly Review* articles that demonstrate faith alive.

The issue of denominations, and even broader religious diversity, is surely something we can't ignore. It has important implications for our missional stance. I believe our mistake as denominations comes when we think we own truth. Sharing what we've found to be truth is different from owning it, and putting boundaries around it that wall off the bridges to others.

I am glad now that I did not follow my first instinct to start a Mennonite church in Flagstaff. I found instead another tree in the forest very like my own with a hymnal just like our blue one. I do not have to spend money on another building, another pastor . . . or try to explain to people on the street who we are and why we are more desirable than the one down the street.

In the end, I will sing around the throne with the Mennonite section of the choir, but then again, I'm not sure. At the first break in the hallelujahs I'll be searching out others in the multitude who have been my friends, my sisters, my brothers.

MaryAnn Halteman Conrad '72
Flagstaff, Ariz.

MAKING MUSIC WITH THE PROS

It isn't every day that more than 200 singers – college and high school participants – gather on the Sauder Concert Hall stage and are accompanied by the Toledo Symphony and Grammy award winning conductor Vance George '55, left, waving. But that happened in a glorious evening of music on Nov. 15 for a festival concert of the Goshen College choirs and students from 13 local and national high schools.

CHASE SNYDER

OCTAVIO AND GUADALUPE ROMERO SCHOLARSHIPS: EMBRACING GOSHEN COLLEGE CULTURE

Peeling potatoes in the Goshen College kitchen one afternoon in 1949, Octavio Romero '52 switched on the radio to a local station. He was enjoying the music until college dietician Phyllis Roose made him turn it off. She explained that only classical music was allowed. Romero laughs now when recalling little surprises like that one. As a Catholic and one of the first Mexican citizens to attend Goshen College, he had to make a few adjustments to standards of Goshen College student life.

But Romero's high school chemistry teacher, Harold D. Miller '36, prepared him for attending Goshen College. There would be no smoking, drinking or movies, he was informed. Romero accepted the rules with aplomb. "I said, 'no problem, I don't have any money!'" Romero never got used to hymn singing or long Mennonite worship services, but he loved his two years at Goshen College. "My values are very similar to Mennonite values," he said. He made many friends and grew so close to his host family that he still keeps in touch with them.

Romero came to Goshen College after Miller noticed his aptitude for chemistry and helped him apply. That first step led to a lifetime career as a chemist. He also followed in the footsteps of his father, an office manager for oil companies in Tampico, Mexico. Romero spent his career working for Shell Chemical in Texas and Saudi Arabia.

This year, Romero, 81, has honored Miller and several other key people in his life by arranging for future scholarships in their names. Romero and his wife, Guadalupe, have designated Goshen College as a beneficiary of a trust fund that eventually will provide scholarships for Goshen College students who are not born yet. But it was the Goshen College students of 1949 and 1950 who led him to make the gift.

"I would like to emphasize the admiration I had for the students," he said. Romero still has vivid memories of his time at Goshen College. One thing that surprised him was seeing students in the men's dorm leave wallets on their beds, with no fear that they would be stolen. "That made a tremendous impression on me." he said.

Romero finished his degree at Louisiana State University and went on to earn an advanced degree in chemistry from Ohio State University. "But I love Goshen," he said. "It's a different attitude. It's a school I really feel something for. I admire 'Culture for Service.' I never heard something like that until I went to Goshen. You go to school just to advance – but I had never thought about going to school to serve other people. I volunteer now, and I will give to Goshen for my service."

Romero's scholarships also will honor Willard Smith, a history professor who became a good friend; Glen Miller, his GC chemistry professor; his parents, and his wife's parents.

His advice to others who may be thinking of helping to provide for Goshen College students is: "Do it! My only sadness is that I will never see [the students'] faces – the joy when they hear about the scholarship."

–By Judy Weaver '81

Guadalupe and Octavio Romero '52

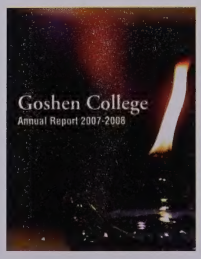
HOW IT ALL ADDED UP – 2007-2008 GIVING

(Fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008)

$5,146,285	Overall giving
$2,000,000	Goal for 2007-2008 Goshen College Fund (unrestricted, annual fund)
$2,119,388	Giving for the Goshen College Fund
$3,780,650	Giving by alumni (an increase over last year)
4,459	Number of alumni who gave (an increase over last year)
$200,043	Giving by churches
$101,747	Giving by faculty and staff
$91,997	Giving by the 15-member Board of Directors
100	Percentage of Board of Directors and Alumni Board members who contributed
Limitless	Amount of gratitude the college has for all the support

"I am so thankful for the abundant support we have received from alumni, friends, churches and businesses this year. They have captured the vision of where this top-tier Christ-centered academic institution is headed as we prepare students for successful careers and vocations that will both change individual lives and the world."

–President James E. Brenneman



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2009 SPRING CAMPUS E

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE UNLESS INDICATED. CALL (574) 535-7566 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ORDER TICKETS.
FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF GOSHEN COLLEGE EVENTS, VISIT US ON THE WEB AT WWW.GOSHEN.EDU AND CLICK ON "CALENDAR."

January

Jan. 23-March 3	**Exhibit: Hung Liu, painter**, Hershberger Art Gallery.
Jan. 25-Feb. 18	**Exhibit: "The Dream,"** Good Library Gallery. Reception Jan. 25, 2-4 p.m.
Jan. 25	**Organ Recital Series: Thomas Bara,** 4 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. $7, $5
Feb. 3	**C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest**, 7 p.m., Umble Center.
Feb. 6	**Faculty Showcase Recital: Solomia Soroka & Matthew Hill**, 7:30 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. $7, $5
Feb. 10	**Afternoon Sabbatical – The Amish: Tradition and change in the 21st century**, 1 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall.
Feb. 11 & 13	**Chapel speaker: Racial reconciliation leader Brenda Salter McNeil**, 10 a.m., Church-Chapel.
Feb. 13	**Concerto-Aria Competition Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $7, $5
Feb. 14	**Performing Arts Series: Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $25, $20, $15

February

Feb. 15	**Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist lecture: Hung Liu, painter**, 7:30 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. Exhibit reception following.
March 1	**Chamber Choir home concert**, 7:30 p.m., College Mennonite Church.
March 6	**Faculty Recital Series: Susan Dengler, Ann Hostetler**, 7:30 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. $7, $5
March 7	**International Student Club Coffeehouse**, 5 p.m., Church-Chapel Fellowship Hall/Sauder Concert Hall. $17, $11, $10, $6
March 8-18	**Senior Art Exhibition I**, Hershberger Art Gallery. Reception March 8, 2-4 p.m.
March 8	**Lenten Hymn Sing**, 4 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall.
March 10	**Afternoon Sabbatical: A peek behind the scenes**, 1 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall.

March

March 11	**Yoder Public Affairs Lecture: Bill McKibben**, 7 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall.
March 14	**Choir concert: "Earthtones – Songs from many cultures,"** 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $7, $5
March 15	**Organ Recital Series: Leon Couch III**, 4 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. $7, $5
March 18	**Performing Arts Series: Estonia National Symphony Orchestra, with Joyce Yang, piano soloist**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $45, $40, $20

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March 18 & 20 **Chapel speaker: Christian author and activist Shane Claiborne**, 10 a.m., Church-Chapel.

March 21 **Lavender Jazz Spring Concert: "Into Action,"** 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $7, $5

March 22-April 2 **Senior Art Exhibition II**, Hershberger Art Gallery. Reception March 22, 2-4 p.m.

March 27-29 **Religion & Science Conference with Professor of Theology and Computer Science at St. John's University Noreen Herzfeld**, Church-Chapel. ($) Register by calling (574) 535-7305.

March 27-28, April 4 **Spring Operetta: "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert and Sullivan**, 8 p.m., Umble Center. $12, $8

March 29 and April 5 **Spring Operetta: "The Gondoliers" by Gilbert and Sullivan**, 3 p.m., Umble Center. $12, $8

March 29-Aug. 14 **Exhibit: "Full Circle: Old and New Quilts and Quilters,"** Good Library Gallery. Exhibit reception: Sunday, March 29, 2-4 p.m.

April

April 3 **Performing Arts Series: Punch Brothers, featuring Chris Thile**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $25, $20, $15

April 5-15 **Senior Art Exhibition III**, Hershberger Art Gallery. Reception April 5, 2-4 p.m.

April 14 **Afternoon Sabbatical – International meal and Egypt tour**, noon, Church-Chapel and Fellowship Hall. $20. Call (574) 535-7565 to register.

April 14 **Performing Arts Series: Poncho Sanchez, Latin Jazz Band**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $35, $30, $20

April 17 **Voices-n-Harmony Spring Concert**, 7:30 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall. $7, $5

April 18 **Faculty Showcase Recital: Gregg Thaller and Scott Hochstetler**, 7:30 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall. $7, $5

April 19-26 **Senior Art Graduation Exhibit**, Hershberger Art Gallery. Reception April 25, 2-4 p.m.

April 19 **Spring Hymn Sing**, 4 p.m., Rieth Recital Hall.

April 26 **Baccalaureate**, 11 a.m., Church-Chapel.

April 26 **Commencement**, 3 p.m., Gingerich Recreation-Fitness Center.

April 30 **Todd Davis Poetry Reading**, 7:30 p.m., Newcomer Center Room 19.

▷ FOR A SCHEDULE OF SENIOR MUSIC AND THEATER RECITALS, GO ONLINE: WWW.GOSHEN.EDU AND CLICK ON "EVENT CALENDAR."

GOSHEN COLLEGE MAPLE LEAF, 1975

WGCS HOSTS A REQUEST-A-SONG FOR FIFI RELIEF

On Oct. 15, 1974, the 91.1 FM evening broadcast featured Khatchaturian's *Violin Concerto*. Off-air, WGCS student general manager Jon Kennel (future general manager) and others had spent the day fielding dozens of request calls for classical and rock music as part of a special phonathon.

Since the fall of 1958, Goshen students, together with faculty collaborators such as chief engineer J. F. Swartzendruber and program director Roy Umble, had been broadcasting a variety of music, news, sports and commentary from a lofty nook in the Union Building.

Each of those 1974 request calls came with a pledge of money for Project Fifi (Fifi Reliefi). Hurricane Fifi had struck Central America almost a month earlier. Particularly hard hit was Honduras, then hosting its ninth SST group (including future president Jim Brenneman). In late September, faculty Bruce and Helen Glick gathered students at their home to brainstorm fundraising possibilities. WGCS public relations director Roger O. Smith took leadership for a phonathon.

Capitalizing on a midterm reading day, the station extended its broadcast day by almost five hours. Callers could request classical or rock pieces. The higher the pledge, the more likely the request would be played at a preferred time. Requests for rock music outnumbered those for classical music, but classical requests seemed to bring in higher pledges. Meanwhile, in the Union Gymnasium, WGCS staffers squared off against other challengers in volleyball. All told, the college radio station raised $2,074 for Fifi Reliefi.

Today, 50 years after its founding, WGCS continues to broadcast from the Union Building and is more commonly referred to as The Globe. It provides 24-hour programming and can be listened to from anywhere in the world at: www.globeradio.org.

– Joe Springer
Curator, Mennonite Historical Library

(Left to right) 1974-75 WGCS student employees Dennis Nice '78, Jon Kennel '76 and Ron Metzler '77

Our alumni are the most effective testimonials to the value and outcomes of a Goshen College education. You can help others discover the unique Christian faculty and student relationships, excellent academics, international education and faith community that you experienced at GC. Please send us names of students who should consider Goshen College.

Take up the lamp for Goshen College

Your name _____

☐ I would like to hear about ways I can help with student recruitment.
☐ I recommend this prospective student:

Student's name _____ Gender ☐ M ☐ F

Student's address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Student's high school _____ Graduation year _____

Parents' names _____ Congregation _____

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☐ Enclosed is my gift to Goshen College of: ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $500 ☐ $1,000 ☐ $_____

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Let's stay in touch

To keep our records current, please update us if your address, phone or other information changes. Send this form in the attached envelope or e-mail to alumni@goshen.edu.

Name _____ Class year _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP/Postal code _____ Country _____

Home phone _____ E-mail _____ Church/Congregation _____

Employer _____ Position/Title _____

Spouse's name _____ GC alumnus ☐ No ☐ Yes Class year _____

Children's name, birth dates & H.S. grad. year _____

News to share

Send newspaper clippings!

If you live outside northern Indiana and read about a GC student or alum in your local paper, send us the clipping – we'll add it to our "Leaf pile" of GCers who are making news!

We want to know about the transitions and news in your life – and so do your classmates, friends and relatives!

☐ I would like to share the following information in an upcoming issue of the *Goshen College Bulletin:* (comments may be edited for space reasons.) Name _____ Class Year _____

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☐ I have enclosed two business cards for potential display in the alumni business card collection located in the admission office, so prospective and current students and their families can see the diversity among Goshen College alumni in geography and vocational calling!

JODI H. BEYELER

CELEBRATING HISTORY

AND BECOMING IT

What is a celebration without a parade? During this year's Homecoming festivities in early October, to honor 40 years of SST, alumni children made drums, carried flags from around the globe and marched through campus (above). On the south portico of the Union on Sept. 2, days after the summer Olympics had ended, friends and family waved good-bye to the bus carrying 21 students headed to China for fall SST (below). Though 351 GC students have gone to China for SST since the program began in 1980, this group was the first to live with host families.

JODI H. BEYELER

PASSING ON THE GIFT

"Leaving money to Goshen College is a great way to pass on your feelings and beliefs … What I gained at Goshen College was a better appreciation for life and the world around me, especially through the SST experience … People need to think about what's important to them. An estate gift seems like the perfect vehicle to make sure their values continue. You can live on in ways other than your children."

– Jayne [Poynter] Gall '70, Mishawaka, Ind.
Human Resources Director, American Millwork Corp.

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